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Correspondence Concerning the Mint  
Additions, 1934-1937.

U.S. Mint Extension





TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
UNITED STATES MINT SERVICE

DENVER COLO

October 17, 1934.

Mr. Mark A. Skinner, Superintendent  
United States Mint,  
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Asst. Dir.

General Expenses

October 23, 1934.

Mr. Mark A. Skinner,  
Superintendent of U. S. Mint,  
Denver, Colorado.

Tentative plans extension to Denver Mint received stop wire  
list of coin presses with type of coin each produces stop mail  
sketch with dimensions of present rolling room showing machine  
layout stop making study of Cottrell system for Denver Mint.

Technical Assistant,  
To Assistant Director of Procurement.

Confirmation

WCC:ES



October 18, 1934

Procurement Division,  
Public Works Branch  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D C

Gentlemen:

I am forwarding herewith revised plans of the proposed addition to this building, together with a letter from the Superintendent of Coining Department and one from the Superintendent of Melting & Refining Department, relative to the changes desired in their respective departments, in which I fully concur.

In addition to the above changes it is also desired to revise the tentative plans with respect to the office of the Weigh Clerk, in which the vault as is proposed would be entirely inadequate and a much larger vault has been shown, of approximately 10 x 11 ft., it being generally necessary to store in this vault trucks loaded with bullion. This room should not have but one entrance and original plans have been changed accordingly.

All of the changes proposed on these revised plans have been carefully studied in detail and are absolutely essential and if approved and incorporated in your final plans will result in providing the most efficient arrangement for the operations of the various departments of this Mint, which could be devised under the circumstances.

In addition to the above enclosures I am forwarding letter of Public Service Company dated the 17th instant together with a blueprint showing the plan for bringing the four service wire to the Mint building.

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WASHINGTON

PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH

October 5, 1934.

IN REPLYING QUOTE THE ABOVE SUB-  
JECT, BUILDING, AND THESE LETTERS

PW-Asst. Dir.

Mr. Mark A. Skinner,  
Superintendent of U. S. Mint,  
Denver, Colorado.

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U. S. MINT AT DENVER  
CHIEF CLERK

Dear Mr. Skinner:

There is inclosed herewith a set of tentative plans for the extension to and remodeling of the U. S. Mint in Denver. In making these plans, it has been decided to remodel the present silver vault and increase its size by adding two additional floors and adding fifteen feet to its length. This arrangement permits the basement of the extension to be utilized for an unloading dock, loading platform, storage space and rifle range. The first floor of the extension is occupied with the rolling and cutting machinery, the annealing and whitening room, the coiner's vault and coiner's office. The third floor of the extension will be utilized by some of the processes of the refinery, including the cell room, the wash room, the melting room, etc.

In designing the first floor basement plan of the extension, a double unloading dock has been shown, however, if this is considered unnecessary, one of the unloading docks can be eliminated and the space used for storage. It is planned to remove two of the boilers and construct a new floor in the space now occupied by this equipment, which will be assigned to the weigh clerk for his use in receiving large shipments of metal, which will be delivered by truck. This metal after being weighed, can be stored in the basement floor of the vault, making it unnecessary to transfer it to the present weighing room on the first floor of the building. This plan will eliminate the hauling of metal through the first floor corridor, and eliminate the necessity of handling heavy shipments of bullion in the present weighing room on the first floor, which is designed for handling small shipments only.

A rearrangement of the offices on the first floor in front of the main corridor gives the weigh clerk almost double his present office space, eliminating the necessity



of having the public use the corridor for making deposits. The coiner's office has been transferred to the new extension, which will provide a space for the Secretary to the Superintendent of the Mint, and give the coiner a location nearer to the center of the activities which he controls.

The present melting and refining vault has been relocated in order to provide space for an M. & R. weigh room and office, which was made necessary by using the present M. & R. office in expanding the space for the weigh clerk. The coiner's vault has been relocated in the extension, and the transfer room moved into the space rendered available by this change. The remodeled vault will have a floor on the first floor level and an entrance in the present stairway, which will allow this vault space to be used for metal in process.

In order to facilitate the removal of rolls and motors from the rolling machines, an overhead track system with differential block has been designed, which will eliminate the necessity of setting up frames, whenever it becomes necessary to repair this equipment. The layout of the machinery in the extension permits a continuous flow of the ingots from the coiner's vault through the rolling machines, cutting presses, annealing furnaces and the whitening room, in a manner that will prove very convenient and economical.

The following changes have been made in the layout of the second floor plan, which gives adequate space to all of the manufacturing processes and administrative functions.

The license clerk has been located in the old generator room.

The superintendent of machinery has been moved to the automatic scale room.

A file room has been shown in the present superintendent of machinery office.

Automatic scales and adjusting machines have been located in the enlarged whitening room.

The present locker room has been relocated in a space adjoining the present generator room.

The motor generators are shown installed in the present melting room.

The refining processes, including the melting and make-up rooms, are located in the second floor of the extension.

In the area assigned to the refinery, a large vault, laboratory, gold chloride and silver nitrate room have been located in areas that will allow convenient and economical handling of material in this department.



Mr. Mark A. Skinner

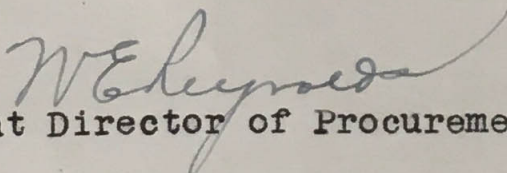
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DENVER, COLORADO MINT

If it is essential that the milling machines be removed from the coining room, these may be located in the automatic scale room on the second floor. In the automatic scale room, the milling machines will be in the direct manufacturing line of the metal as it passes from the whitening room through the milling machines to the automatic scales. In order to avoid any difficulty that might arise from the vibrations set up by the operation of these machines, they may be mounted on cork bases, so that there will be no motion transmitted to the automatic scales.

After making a careful examination of the inclosed tentative plans, it is requested that you return one set to this office, as soon as convenient, indicating any changes or suggestions that you desire to make. On approval of a set of these tentative plans, we will proceed at once with the cabinet sketches and the working drawings, in order that a contract for the extension and remodeling can be let at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

  
Assistant Director of Procurement.

United States Mint Service

Denver, Colorado.

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At present we are operating seven rolls and another is being built in the Philadelphia Mint for this institution. In the plans submitted space for six rolls is provided.

Space between south wall and roll is eleven feet, ten inches. Fourteen feet should be allowed to provide room for long strips, dimes and bronze.

Coiner's vault is in wrong position for handling of strips and trucks. Not enough space between wall and vault door.

Two columns in center of Rolling room should be eliminated, if possible.

In the Whitening room- In the plans submitted space is provided for three barrels. Four barrels are now operating and it is necessary to continue with that number.



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Enclosure



United States Mint, Denver, Colorado

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

July 17, 1934

PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH

IN REPLYING, QUOTE THE ABOVE SUB-  
JECT, BUILDING, AND THESE LETTERS PW-L

The Director  
United States Mint  
Denver, Colorado

Sir:

Under the provisions of the Emergency Appropriation Act, approved June 20, 1934, it is the purpose of this Department to acquire land for the enlargement of the United States mint building at Denver, Colorado.

The land desired for the purpose is that adjoining the present site on the south, having dimensions of 80 feet on the westerly side of Evans Street, and extending westwardly of that width a distance of 150 feet to the east line of an existing public alley. The 80 foot frontage on Evans Street includes a portion of a public alley bounding the present site on the south and extending from Evans Street to South 13th Street. It will be necessary to have said alley closed for a distance of 150 feet.

The proposal for the sale of the land to the United States must be submitted on the basis of the owners of the property agreeing to obtain the vacation of the existing alley abutting the present site on the south for a distance of 150 feet, and cause valid title thereto to become vested in the United States; and also agree to have dedicated and accepted by the City of Denver an alley of equal dimension along the southerly side of the land proposed to be acquired by the United States.

Please confer with the owner or owners of the above-mentioned property and endeavor to obtain from them a proposal for the sale to the Government of the tract of land of the dimensions above indicated. Blank proposals forms are inclosed for your use.

Regardless of whether or not you are able to obtain proposals, please make careful inquiry among real estate dealers, and such other persons as you may know to be well-informed regarding land values in Denver, and, after



weighing the information received, advise the Department what, in your opinion, is the fair market value of a tract of the dimensions above described. The Department would appreciate it if you could obtain written appraisals of this property.

After considering the prices demanded by the owner or owners (in the event you are able to obtain proposals), please state whether, in your opinion, it is probable that the property could be acquired in condemnation at a lower cost than that at which the owner or owners offer to sell same.

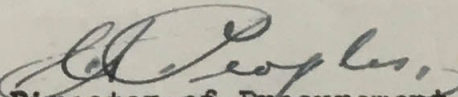
State to what extent the improvements, if any, on the land affect the estimated value of the property, as well as the price at which it is offered for sale to the Government, also state your opinion as to the reasonableness of the price asked.

Also obtain and forward with the other papers a statement from the City Assessor showing the assessed value of the property offered for the present year, and for the five years last past. Such statement should also show the ratio of the assessment to market value as generally accepted in your community. Please also obtain, if possible, the Assessor's opinion as to the market value of the property in question.

It is not intended, of course, that you should incur any expense in this connection.

Your early reply hereto is requested and will be appreciated.

Respectfully

  
Director of Procurement

C o p y

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

Denver, Colorado

August 4, 1934.

Mr. Mark A. Skinner  
Treasury Department  
United States Mint  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Skinner:

In view of the fact that Treasury Department forms upon which we were to make our proposal concerning the sale of the Denver Express property to the United States have not been received I am making you this proposal and will file the proper forms when we receive them.

The Denver Express property comprises Lots 36, 37 and most of Lot 38, Block 10, Denver. The old Denver Express building is on these lots. It is occupied by a lease holder. Our proposal is that we turn this over to the Government free from all incumbrances, deeds, mortgages, leases, an absolute clear title for the sum of \$32,500.00.

Best Wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Signed- M. F. Riblett.

MFR:RW



AUGUST 6, 1934

MR. H. S. ROBERTSON, PRESIDENT  
THE DENVER TRAMWAY COMPANY  
DENVER, COLORADO

DEAR SIR:

AT THE REQUEST OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT I DESIRE TO OBTAIN FROM YOU A PROPOSAL FOR THE SALE TO THE UNITED STATES OF THE LAND ADJOINING THE PRESENT SITE OF THE UNITED STATES MINT ON THE SOUTH, HAVING A DIMENSION OF 80 FEET ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF DELAWARE STREET AND EXTENDING EASTERLY OF THAT WIDTH A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EXISTING PUBLIC ALLEY. THE 80 FEET FRONTAGE ON DELAWARE STREET INCLUDES A PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY BOUNDING THE PRESENT SITE ON THE SOUTH AND EXTENDING FROM CHEROKEE STREET TO DELAWARE STREET. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SAID ALLEY CLOSED FOR A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET. YOUR PROPOSALS FOR THE SALE OF SAID LAND TO THE UNITED STATES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE BASIS OF THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AGREEING TO OBTAIN THE VACATION OF THE EXISTING ALLEY ABUTTING THE PRESENT SITE OF THE MINT ON THE SOUTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET AND CAUSE VALID TITLE THERETO TO BECOME VESTED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND ALSO AGREEING TO HAVE DEDICATED AND ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF DENVER, AN ALLEY OF EQUAL DIMENSION ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF THE LAND PROPOSED TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES.

I AM ENCLOSING BLANK PROPOSAL FORMS FOR YOUR USE WHICH I HAVE TO REQUEST THAT YOU WILL READ CAREFULLY AND RETURN TO ME AFTER EXECUTING SAME.

RESPECTFULLY,

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SUPERINTENDENT, U. S. MINT.

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Pres. H. S. Robertson.

Denver Tramway Comp  
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JULY 23, 1934

THE DENVER PUBLISHING COMPANY  
DENVER, COLORADO

ATTENTION MR. RIBLETT

GENTLEMEN:

AT THE REQUEST OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT I DESIRE TO OBTAIN FROM YOU A PROPOSAL FOR THE SALE TO THE UNITED STATES OF THE LAND ADJOINING THE PRESENT SITE OF THE UNITED STATES MINT ON THE SOUTH, HAVING A DIMENSION OF 80 FEET ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF WHAT WAS FORMERLY EVANS STREET AND NOW CHEROKEE STREET AND EXTENDING WESTWARDLY OF THAT WIDTH A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE EXISTING PUBLIC ALLEY. THE 80 FEET FRONTAGE ON CHEROKEE STREET INCLUDES A PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY BOUNDING THE PRESENT SITE ON THE SOUTH AND EXTENDING FROM CHEROKEE STREET TO DELAWARE STREET. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HAVE SAID ALLEY CLOSED FOR A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET. YOUR PROPOSALS FOR THE SALE OF SAID LAND TO THE UNITED STATES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE BASIS OF THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AGREEING TO OBTAIN THE VACATION OF THE EXISTING ALLEY ABUTTING THE PRESENT SITE OF THE MINT ON THE SOUTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET AND CAUSE VALID TITLE THERETO TO BECOME VESTED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND ALSO AGREEING TO HAVE DEDICATED AND ACCEPTED BY THE CITY OF DENVER, AN ALLEY OF EQUAL DIMENSION ALONG THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF THE LAND PROPOSED TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES.

I AM ENCLOSING BLANK PROPOSAL FORMS FOR YOUR USE WHICH I HAVE TO REQUEST THAT YOU WILL READ CAREFULLY AND RETURN TO ME AFTER EXECUTING SAME.

RESPECTFULLY,

SUPERINTENDENT, U. S. MINT.

OH-H



AUGUST 4, 1934

PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIRS:

COMPLYING WITH YOUR REQUEST OF JULY 17 TO SECURE A PROPOSAL FOR THE SALE OF THE SCRIPPS-HOWARD LAND ADJOINING THE DENVER MINT ON THE SOUTH, I AM ENCLOSING HERewith A LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MANAGER OF REVENUE, CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, SETTING FORTH THE VALUES PLACED ON THIS LAND FOR TAX PURPOSES FROM 1928 TO 1933 INCLUSIVE, TOGETHER WITH A LETTER OF EXPLANATION AS TO THE PERCENTAGE OF TAXABLE VALUE TO ACTUAL VALUE OF PROPERTY. IT IS MY JUDGMENT THAT THESE VALUATIONS ARE INFLUENCED BY THE FACT THAT A PROMINENT NEWSPAPER OWNS THIS PROPERTY.

YOU WILL ALSO FIND ENCLOSED AN APPRAISAL SECURED BY THE DENVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PREPARED BY FIVE REPUTABLE REAL ESTATE AGENTS. I BELIEVE THIS APPRAISAL IS BASED UPON THE BEDROCK PRICE WHERE THE OWNER WOULD DESIRE TO SELL WITHOUT A LEASE WHICH WOULD COST A REASONABLE SUM FOR CANCELLATION, THERE BEING ONE ON THIS PROPERTY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

I AM ALSO ENCLOSING A PROPOSAL FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE DENVER PUBLISHING COMPANY IN LETTER FORM, FOR THE REASON THAT THE BLANK FORMS FORWARDED ME BY YOU WERE SENT EAST TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AND HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED AND WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SECURE ADDITIONAL



BLANKS FOR THEIR USE. THE PRICE WHICH THEY SET FORTH IS, IN MY JUDGMENT, GREATER THAN THE PRESENT VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, WHICH I FEEL SHOULD BE PURCHASED FOR AROUND \$25,000 CLEAR OF ALL ENCUMBRANCES, LEASES, ETC. AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS PROPERTY COULD BE MORE REASONABLY SECURED BY PROCESS OF CONDEMNATION I AM UNABLE TO STATE, FOR THE REASON THAT I HAVE NEVER HAD ANY CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING EXPERIENCE. IN THE EVENT THAT CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS APPEAR NECESSARY, I BEG TO SUGGEST THAT THE MATTER BE TAKEN UP PRIOR THERETO WITH THE SCRIPPS-HOWARD PUBLISHING COMPANY, 230 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

HEREWITH YOU WILL ALSO FIND A BLUE PRINT WHICH SHOWS THE RELATION OF THIS PROPERTY TO THE MINT PROPERTY AND THE RECONSTRUCTED ALLEYS AS PROPOSED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DENVER.

RESPECTFULLY,

MARK A. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT

OH-H

ENG.

August 4, 1934.

Procurement Division,  
Public Works Branch  
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Complying with your request of July 17 to secure a proposal for the sale of the Scripps-Howard land adjoining the Denver Mint on the south I am enclosing herewith a letter *from the office of the Manager of Revenue, City and County of Denver* from the Treasurer setting forth the values placed on this land for tax purposes from 1928 to 1933 inclusive, together with a letter of explanation as to the percentage of taxable value to actual value of the property. It is my judgment that these valuations are influenced by the fact that ~~an~~ *a prominent* ~~influential~~ newspaper owns this property.

You will also find enclosed an appraisal secured by the Denver Chamber of Commerce prepared by five reputable real estate agents. I believe this appraisal is based upon the bed rock price where the owner would desire to sell, *without a* ~~no~~ lease which would cost a reasonable sum for cancellation, *there being one on* ~~as is the case with~~ this property *at the present time.*

I am also enclosing a ~~letter of~~ proposal from the business Manager of the Denver Publishing Company *me by you* in letter form, for the reason that the blank forms forwarded were sent



to the owners of the property

East and have not been returned and we have been unable to secure additional blanks for their use. The price which they set forth is, ~~greater~~ in my judgment, greater than the present value of the property, which I feel should be purchased for around \$25,000 clear of all encumbrances, leases, etc. As to whether or not this property could be secured by process of condemnation I am unable to state, for the reason that I have never had any condemnation proceeding experience.

Herewith you will also find a blueprint which ~~will give~~ ~~the~~ shows the relation of this property to the Mint property and the reconstructed alleys as proposed by the Mayor of the City of Denver.

Respectfully,

*file  
inch papers  
re Land*

*Witters First Addition*

ASSESSED VALUATIONS

Property on Cherokee Street adjoining the United States Mint on the south lots 37 and 38 and the north 20.875 feet of 36, block 10, Witters First Addition, Evans and Elberts Subdivision of Block 10 in Evans Addition, and block 10 in Witters First Addition.

1928

	Lot 37.....	\$1610.00
	38 .....	2140.00
N.20.875'	36 .....	1290.00
Improvements	.....	<u>6110.00</u>

1928

\$11,150.00

1929

	Lot 37 .....	\$1610.00
	38 .....	2140.00
N.20.875'	36.....	1290.00
Improvements	.....	<u>5840.00</u>

1929

10,880.00

1930

	Lot 37 .....	\$1610.00
	38 .....	2190.00
N.20.875'	36 .....	1290.00
Improvements	.....	<u>5560.00</u>

1930

10,650.00

1931

	Lot 37 .....	\$1610.00
	38 .....	2190.00
N.20.875'	36 .....	1290.00
Improvements	.....	<u>5290.00</u>

1931

10,380.00

1932

	Lot 37 .....	\$1530.00
	38 .....	2080.00
N.20.875'	36 .....	1230.00
Improvements	.....	<u>4530.00</u>

1932

9,370.00

1933

	Lot 37 .....	\$1500.00
	38 .....	2050.00
N.20.875'	36 .....	1230.00
Improvements	.....	<u>4070.00</u>
		8850.00

1933

Less 10%..... 880.00

7,970.00



**C. L. EMMICK**  
CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF DENVER, COLORADO

DENVER, COLORADO, \_\_\_\_\_

Upon reviewing your tax schedules for 193....., it appears that on part of your property you have overlooked the provision in the Colorado law requiring a return of **full cash value** for assessment purposes. The office corrections are indicated below.

		AS RETURNED BY YOU					VALUED BY ASSESSOR				
Money, Notes and Credits											

CLEM W. COLLINGS  
CHIEF OF REVENUE  
OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR

Belk 10 Wilkes 1st add

Evans & Ellerts Sub

assessed

1932

Lot 37

38

36

N 20.875'

Traps

15 30 00

20 80 00

12 30 00

45 30 00

9 37 00

1933

Lot

37

38

36

N 20.875'

Traps

Less 10%

15 00 00

20 50 00

12 30 00

40 70 00

88 50 00

88 00 00

7970 00





CLARENCE W. COLLINS

OFFICE OF ASSESSOR

ASSESSOR

BUR 10 Witters 1st  
and Evans & Elberts sub  
1930

assessed at

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38	2190 <sup>00</sup>
N 20.875' 36	1290 <sup>00</sup>
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	<u>10650<sup>00</sup></u>
	1931

Lot 37	1610-
38	2190-
N 20.875' 36	1290-
Imps	5290-
	<u>10380<sup>00</sup></u>

AS RETURNED BY YOU VALUED ASSESSOR

Denver Notes and Credits



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OFFICE OF  
**ASSESSOR**

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF DENVER, COLORADO

**NOTICE OF CORRECTED ASSESSMENT**

DENVER, COLORADO, \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

DEAR SIR OR MADAM: \_\_\_\_\_

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Money, Notes and Credits

BEK 10 Witter 1st add  
Evans + Elberts Sub-  
assessed 1928-

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38	2140	<u>00</u>
N 20.875' 36	1290	<u>00</u>
Imps	6110	<u>00</u>
	11150	<u>00</u>

1929

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# The Rocky Mountain News



Denver, Colorado

Denver, August 4, 1934.

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CHIEF CLERK  
U. S. MINT AT DENVER

Mr. Mark A. Skinner,  
Treasury Department,  
United States Mint,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Skinner:

In view of the fact that Treasury Department forms upon which we were to make our proposal concerning the sale of The Denver Express property to the United States have not been received, I am making you this proposal and will file the proper forms when we receive them.

The Denver Express property comprises Lots 37, 38 and Nly 20.875 ft. of 36, Block 10, Evans Add., Evans & Elberts Subdivision. The old Denver Express building is on these lots. It is now occupied by a lease holder.

Our proposal is that we turn this property over to the Government of the United States, free from all encumbrances except future installments of the Moffatt Tunnel Tax, and any other special improvement taxes, and the lease to The Hartmann-Bruderlin Printing Company dated June 28th, 1930, for \$32,500.00. General taxes, any Moffatt Tunnel taxes, and any improvement taxes for the year 1934 will be adjusted to the date of sale.

The Hartmann-Bruderlin Printing Company lease provides for a payment of \$1,750.00 for cancellation only in case we require the building for our own use. We estimate that The Hartmann-Bruderlin Company will cancel the lease and vacate the property as soon as you require it, for a consideration of \$4,000.00.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,  
THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS,

By M. F. Riblett,  
President

*Not sent*

L. F. Eppich, Inc. Realtors.

Denver, Colorado  
September 8, 1934.

Honorable Mark A. Skinner  
Custodian United States Mint  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

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We are of the opinion that the Government would be justified to pay the Scripps-Howard Publishing Company Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the property, plus an amount which would be necessary to pay the present tenant to secure possession, which is estimated to cost between \$4,000.00 and \$5,000.00.

Yours respectfully,

Signed- George R. Morrison

Fredk. R. Ross

F.F. Eppich

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SEPTEMBER 12, 1934

PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENTLEMEN:

I AM ENCLOSING HERewith A NEW PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MR. RIBLETT, MANAGER OF THE DENVER PUBLISHING COMPANY, ON THE LAND WHICH IS DESIRED FOR THE ADDITION TO THE DENVER MINT, TOGETHER WITH A LETTER SIGNED BY THE THREE APPRAISERS SELECTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE DENVER PUBLISHING COMPANY.

IN FAIRNESS TO MR. RIBLETT, WHO IS THE LOCAL MANAGER FOR THE OWNERS, I FEEL I SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO CLARIFY HIS POSITION. THIS PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED IN 1929 FOR \$25,000.00 CASH AND WAS SO SET UP ON THE BOOKS OF THE CORPORATION. INASMUCH AS NEITHER THE COMPANY NOR MR. RIBLETT CARE TO SELL THE PROPERTY, HE IS RELUCTANT TO NAME A PRICE WHICH WILL MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR HIM TO SHOW A LOSS ON THIS TRANSACTION.

THEY HAVE A TEN YEAR LEASE, FIVE YEARS OF WHICH STILL REMAIN, AND IN ORDER TO GIVE POSSESSION HE ESTIMATES THAT IT WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$5,000.00 TO GET RID OF THIS LEASE AND MOVE THE LESSEES. THIS, WITH THE OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES NAMED IN HIS PROPOSAL, WOULD LEAVE THEM \$25,000.00 WHICH AMOUNT WAS ORIGINALLY PAID FOR THE PROPERTY. HE VERY FRANKLY ADMITS, HOWEVER, THAT AT THE PRESENT PRICE OF REAL ESTATE IN THE

CITY OF DENVER, THE PRICE FIXED BY THE SPECIAL APPRAISAL COMMITTEE IS ALL THE PROPERTY IS WORTH BUT IN VIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO DISPOSE OF THE PROPERTY AND DESIRE TO AVOID SHOWING A LOSS ON THE TRANSACTION, HE FEELS THEY SHOULD RECEIVE THE PRICE STATED, NAMELY \$30,000.00.

I WOULD FURTHER SUGGEST THAT WERE NEGOTIATIONS ENTERED INTO WITH THE PRINCIPALS, THE SCRIPPS-HOWARD PUBLISHING COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A SMALLER AMOUNT AND ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOSS.

RESPECTFULLY,

MARK A. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT

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2. Procurement

~~Director~~ <sup>Public</sup> <sup>62</sup> <sup>Branch</sup>  
3/1 2 Dec.

I am enclosing herewith a new proposal ~~in~~ submitted by Mr. Riblett, Manager of the Denver Publishing Company, on the land which is desired for the addition to the Denver Mint, together with a letter signed by the three appraisers selected at the request of the Denver Publishing Company.

In fairness to Mr. Riblett, who is the local manager for the owners, I feel I should endeavor to clarify his position. This property was purchased in 1929 for \$25,000.00 cash and was so set up on the books of the corporation. <sup>1</sup> Inasmuch as neither the company nor Mr. Riblett ~~care~~ care to sell the property, he is reluctant to name a price which will make it necessary for him to show a loss on this transaction.

They have a ten year lease, five <sup>years</sup> of which <sup>still remain</sup> ~~are remaining~~, and in order to give possession he estimates that it will cost approximately \$5000.00 to get rid of <sup>this</sup> ~~the~~ lease and move the lessees. This, with the other necessary expenses named in his proposal, would leave them \$25,000.00 <sup>which amount was</sup> originally paid for the property. He very frankly admits, however, that at the present price of real estate in the City of Denver, the price fixed by the special appraisal committee is all the property is worth but in view of the circumstances, <sup>that they do</sup> ~~of their not~~ wishing to dispose of the property and <sup>desire</sup> ~~wishing~~ to avoid the showing of a loss on the transaction, he feels they should receive the price stated, namely- \$30,000.00.

I would further suggest that were negotiations entered into with

Publishing Company

the principals , The Scripps, Howard ~~people~~ of  
New York City it might be possible that they would be willing to  
accept ~~a smaller~~ ~~amount~~ amount and assume the responsibility for the loss.

Respectfully

Encs.



SEPTEMBER 12, 1934

MR. H. S. ROBERTSON, PRESIDENT  
THE DENVER TRAMWAY CORPORATION  
DENVER, COLORADO

DEAR SIR:

I HAVE YOUR LETTER OF THE 11TH INSTANT IN REFERENCE TO A PROPOSAL FOR THE SALE TO THE UNITED STATES MINT OF THE LAND OWNED BY YOUR COMPANY ADJOINING THE PRESENT SITE OF THE UNITED STATES MINT AND BEG TO ADVISE IN REPLY THAT INASMUCH AS THIS LAND IS NOT NEEDED AT THE PRESENT TIME, I BELIEVE IT WILL BE BEST TO DEFER ANY FURTHER ACTION PERTAINING TO ITS ACQUISITION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS YOU MAY CONTEMPLATE ABANDONING YOUR SUBSTATION THEREON.

RESPECTFULLY,

MARK A. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT

# THE DENVER TRAMWAY CORPORATION

TRAMWAY BUILDING

DENVER, COLORADO

September 11, 1934

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CHIEF CLERK

U. S. MINT AT DENVER

Mr. Mark A. Skinner, Supt.,  
United States Mint,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

Further referring to your letter of August 6 and enclosures requesting that we submit a proposal for the sale to the United States of the land owned by this company adjoining the present site of the United States Mint, and which is used for a substation site.

We have to maintain a substation in this immediate vicinity in order to operate our properties and the present location is, in all respects, satisfactory to us from this standpoint. It follows, therefore, it would be necessary for us to acquire other property in the immediate vicinity for the location and operation of this plant. The cost of doing this and moving the present machinery and equipment would be considerable, and, as you can readily understand, is difficult to estimate, principally on account of the uncertainty as to the price that would have to be paid for another site to serve our purposes. Under the circumstances, we are not in a position to make any definite proposal at this time.

However, in an endeavor to give you some idea of the costs involved, we looked into the question of obtaining an available site in or about the same vicinity, and prepared some estimates of the expense which would be incurred in making the change from the present to a new location, erecting new building, etc. These inquiries indicate that we would have to pay from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for a new site, the building would cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25,000, and the cost of moving the substation equipment, appliances and other facilities would approximate an additional \$50,000. These figures, of course, are subject to variation from time to time dependent upon changes that may take place in property values, construction costs, etc., and our ability to obtain a suitable location in this vicinity for the operation and maintenance of such a plant in accordance with either state or municipal laws or regulations.

I thought it advisable to present the general situation and this rough estimate before going into the matter in greater detail, and upon the understanding that this is in no sense a proposal.

Very truly yours,

*W. H. Hutton*  
President.



August 27, 1934

Mr. W. A. Alexander,  
Attorney at Law,  
810 Tramway Bldg.,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Several days ago you called at my office with Mayor Begole to discuss a plan to abandon the public alley between the Mint and property belonging to the Tramway Corporation.

It was agreed at that time that you would give me a blue print showing the various properties involved, and the new alley to be established in lieu of the one to be abandoned, in order to accommodate the government project.

Mr. Skinner, Superintendent of the Mint, asked me a few days ago what progress had been made.

I will be glad to prepare the necessary notice and ordinance when the data is provided.

Very truly yours,

James D. Parriott, Attorney  
City and County of Denver

JDP/TF

CC: Mayor Begole  
Mr. Mark A. Skinner ✓

# THE DENVER TRAMWAY CORPORATION

TRAMWAY BUILDING

DENVER, COLORADO

August 7, 1934

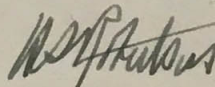
Mr. Mark A. Skinner, Supt.,  
United States Mint,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 6th and enclosures requesting that we submit a proposal for the sale to the United States of the land owned by this company adjoining the present site of the United States Mint on the south, having a dimension of 80 feet on the easterly side of Delaware street and extending easterly of that width a distance of 150 feet to the west line of the existing public alley.

On account of the rather involved nature of the use which is made by this company of the ground and improvements in question, it will be necessary that a careful study and investigation be made before conclusions are reached. This will, undoubtedly, require some time, but it will be undertaken promptly and I shall communicate further with you as soon as it is completed.

Very truly yours,



President.



# CERTIFICATE OF APPRAISAL

We, the undersigned, members of Sub-Committee  
"Downtown Industrial" of the APPRAISALS COMMITTEE of THE  
DENVER REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE, hereby certify that upon  
application of

THE DENVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We have personally examined the property described  
as follows:

Lots numbered Thirty-seven (37) Thirty-eight (38),  
and North 20.875 feet of Lot numbered Thirty-six (36),  
Block Ten (10), Witter's First Addition; Evans and  
Eberts subdivision of Block Ten (10), Evans Addition.

That we have no personal interest therein, and

That the following is our Appraisal of its value:

Value of Ground	\$ 12,800.00
Value of Improvements	4,000.00
Total Value	<u>\$ 16,800.00</u>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed our signatures  
at Denver, Colorado this 26th day of July, A. D. 1934.

Seth B. Bradley  
George H. Gallup  
W. W. Newcomb  
F. W. Herres  
L. F. Bartels

## CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above are Members of Sub-Committee  
of the Appraisals Committee of The Denver Real Estate Exchange.

THE DENVER REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE  
By George R. Morrison  
President

ATTEST:  
James E. Blue, Secretary





TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

December 15, 1934.

PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH

IN REPLYING QUOTE THE ABOVE SUB-  
JECT, BUILDING, AND THESE LETTERS

PW-Asst. Dir.

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JAN 17 1935

CHIEF CLERK  
U. S. MINT AT DENVER

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross,  
Director of the Mint,  
Treasury Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Ross:

A letter from Mr. Mark A. Skinner under date of October 18 has been received, relative to the revised plans for the proposed addition to the Denver Mint. There were enclosed letters from the Superintendent of the Coining Department, and one from the Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department and under separate cover we received three blueprints, showing the proposed changes described in this correspondence.

Since receipt of the above information the real estate required for this extension has been purchased for \$25,000, a saving of \$5,000 over the original estimate. Recent figures from manufacturers of vault doors indicate that the doors required in the new and remodeled vaults will cost about \$4000 less than originally estimated. These amounts plus a proposed saving of \$2,000 that may be realized by simplifying the remodeling work originally planned in the offices of the present building will enable the construction of a larger addition than was first designed and the elimination of one row of columns.

The revised plans which you have submitted have been very carefully studied, and every effort has been made to incorporate all suggestions contained therein that would increase the efficiency, and decrease the operating cost of the machinery located in the new department. In preparing the revised plans, copies of which are being sent to you under separate cover, it of course has been necessary to plan the building in a manner that will enable the project to be completed within the limit of \$350,000, which is available. Before making any changes in the plans which you have submitted, an accurate estimate was made of the cost of the work outlined, and it ran considerably over the funds set up for this construction, and therefore it was impossible for The Division to proceed



12/15/34.

with the preparation of working drawings based on the tentative plans submitted.

Revised plans have been prepared by the Division and are going forward to you by this mail, which indicate the maximum size extension that can be constructed in a manner that would not detract from the appearance of the present building and yet come within the allotment of \$350,000. In case there should be any increase in price or unforeseen difficulties arise before this building is completed, it is possible that the final cost would exceed \$350,000, as every estimate has been cut to a minimum and a smaller amount allowed for contingencies than is usually considered necessary. However the addition as laid out will efficiently house the machinery that is to be installed in this section, and it is suggested that the Superintendent of the Mint and his assistants give these plans careful consideration, in order that we may arrive at some design that can be built within the appropriation and yet be satisfactory to the staff who will have the responsibility of operating this plant.

#### BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

The length of the extension has been increased to 80' and its width to 68' and only one line of columns used to support the floors in place of the two lines originally shown. An electric control room has been shown in accordance with your plans and one unloading dock shown with doors at either end, so that trucks coming in to the building can be cut off from the other portion of the basement, while the exterior door is being closed.

#### FIRST FLOOR PLAN

A new arrangement has been shown for the M & R clerical staff, makeup room, vault and transfer room, which apparently has advantages over any scheme which has been presented so far. The objection made by Mr. Wagor that the first tentative plans showed a reduction of 190 square feet in the present floor space for the makeup room is well taken, and to overcome this the M & R clerk's office has been increased to approximately 450 square feet and the makeup room enlarged by removing the transfer operation to an area which is to be cut off from the telephone office. Placing a glass partition at one end of the makeup room will reduce the noise in the clerk's office and allow the M & R superintendent an opportunity to oversee the makeup room from his desk. It appears that this new arrangement will eliminate the other objections raised by Mr. Wagor in which he calls attention to the limited working space of the makeup room, and the fact that the only access to the vault corridor would be through the furnace room.



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with the preparation of working drawings based on the tentative plans submitted.

Revised plans have been prepared by the Division and are going forward to you by this mail, which indicate the maximum size extension that can be constructed in a manner that would not detract from the appearance of the present building and yet come within the allotment of \$350,000. In case there should be any increase in price or unforeseen difficulties arise before this building is completed, it is possible that the final cost would exceed \$350,000, as every estimate has been cut to a minimum and a smaller amount allowed for contingencies than is usually considered necessary. However the addition as laid out will efficiently house the machinery that is to be installed in this section, and it is suggested that the Superintendent of the Mint and his assistants give these plans careful consideration, in order that we may arrive at some design that can be built within the appropriation and yet be satisfactory to the staff who will have the responsibility of operating this plant.

#### BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

The length of the extension has been increased to 80' and its width to 68' and only one line of columns used to support the floors in place of the two lines originally shown. An electric control room has been shown in accordance with your plans and one unloading dock shown with doors at either end, so that trucks coming in to the building can be cut off from the other portion of the basement, while the exterior door is being closed.

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It is considered imperative that an entrance and exit be provided for the rolling room, otherwise ingots will have to be trucked through the coining room, and after taking an irregular course through the rolling room, crossing the normal line of travel twice, the finished metal will be brought to the coining room presses. Only seven rolling machines are shown, as this number, in the other mints, is more than ample to supply eight to ten presses, and there are only six presses now installed in the Denver Mint. In San Francisco, six rolls supply strips for eight coin presses, and in Philadelphia 11 ten inch rolls and three 16 inch rolls supply 27 presses. However, in the Philadelphia Mint there is a shortage of rolling machines and probably 20 should be installed to produce the required bronze blanks for pennies. In both cases however, fewer rolls than coining presses are required to balance the production in the two processes therefore the seven rolls shown should be adequate to supply strips for at least nine coining presses. It is not probable that this number will ever be installed in the Denver Mint, as there is not sufficient space to allow for the required expansion that would be necessary in other departments. It was understood that the new rolling machine being built at Philadelphia was to replace one of the rolls which The Division was informed is obsolete in design, and badly worn from many years of service. By arranging the rolling machines shown on the plan so that the delivery end extends beyond the line of the adjacent machine, there will be space to produce 14' strips on all of the rolls, except one.

The whitening room has been materially enlarged, in accordance with your suggestions and additional tanks, benches and one additional tumbler added. The present whitening room shown is large enough to permit installation of the circular crane although the use of this equipment is not recommended, since it requires the crowding of all of the whitening machinery within a twelve foot radius. If a straight line crane is installed, the two furnaces can be separated to permit the use of different solutions in the cooling tanks when annealing different metals in the furnaces, and the working space in the annealing room is opened up, so that the present congestion around the tanks and driers can be eliminated. The cost of operating either the circular crane or the straight line machine should be approximately the same, and while the new equipment will involve some additional expense, it will be more than justified on account of the improved working conditions due to better machinery layout.



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MEZZANINE FLOOR

Space has been provided for about 24 lockers now in the coining department on a mezzanine floor in the rolling room. Access to the locker room is made from a balcony, part of which may be used for visitors or for storage. An additional wash room has been provided for the convenience of the men using the locker room. This arrangement will not involve very much additional expense and the advantage of having a separate entrance for the rolling room more than justifies the additional cost.

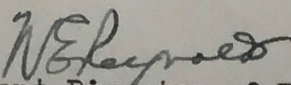
SECOND FLOOR PLAN

It appears undesirable to have the office of the superintendent separate from the section of the building on this floor devoted to the melting and refining activities, and it is suggested that the revised plan for the refining department submitted herewith be given careful consideration. Since objections have been made to the separation of the wash room and cell room, it is suggested that a glass partition be used, or if this is not desirable, it may be eliminated altogether, however, there seems to be some advantages in having these rooms separated, although under the supervision of only one man. As suggested the silver nitrate and gold chloride hoods have been placed in the cell room, and away from all connection with the office area. If the present location of the office is not considered desirable, other arrangements may be made that would eliminate any objectionable features, and still allow the activities of this department to function efficiently in the space allotted on the revised plans.

The tentative plans for this addition have been prepared after giving careful consideration to all of the requests and suggestions submitted by the Superintendent of the Mint and every effort has been made to incorporate his ideas into the new layout and still keep the cost of the project within the allotment available. If the overall dimensions of the new extension meet your approval, the Division can proceed at once with the preparation of the building plans leaving the final details of the machinery plans and location of partitions for further study.

Revised plans for flood lighting the Mint permanently are being prepared in connection with a proposed fence around the entire property and will soon be ready to submit for your approval.

Very truly yours,

  
Assistant Director of Procurement.



RADIOGRAM

DENVER, COLORADO  
JUNE 27, 1935

CHIEF, LEGAL SECTION  
PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

REFERRING YOUR LETTER JUNE 21ST. THE TWO POLES REFERRED TO ON  
LAND ACQUIRED AS ADDITION TO MINE SITE WERE REMOVED ON 18TH INSTANT  
AND LAND LEFT IN NEAT AND PRESENTABLE CONDITION.

SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT

C O N F I R M I N G

DENVER, COLORADO, MINT - ADDITIONAL LAND.

JUNE 27, 1935

CHIEF, LEGAL SECTION  
PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER OF THE 21ST INSTANT RELATIVE TO  
ENCROACHMENTS ON THE LAND ACQUIRED AS ADDITION TO THE MINT SITE  
AT DENVER, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RADIOED  
TO YOU THIS MORNING. "REFERRING YOUR LETTER JUNE 21ST. THE TWO  
POLES REFERRED TO ON LAND ACQUIRED AS ADDITION TO MINT SITE WERE  
REMOVED ON 18TH INSTANT AND LAND LEFT IN NEAT AND PRESENTABLE CONDITION".

RESPECTFULLY,

MARK A. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT



INCLOSURE

DENVER, COLO. : MINT (ADDNL. LAND)



# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1935.

PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH

IN REPLYING QUOTE THE ABOVE SUB-  
JECT, BUILDING, AND THESE LETTERS PW- L

Mr. Mark A. Skinner,  
Superintendent and Custodian,  
United States Mint Site,  
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to the land acquired as  
an addition to the Mint site at Denver, Colorado.

The topographical survey indicates the follow-  
ing encroachments:

Two poles, electric cables and guy wires  
in the Courtland Avenue alley.

As the contemplated extension to the build-  
ing will be carried over Courtland Avenue alley  
the poles and electric cables and guy wires should  
be removed. Accordingly, you are directed to  
serve written notice on the owners of the aforesaid  
encroachments for the removal thereof from the  
Government's land at the earliest practicable date.

Forward to this Division a copy of the notice  
served and advise when the encroachments have been  
removed and the land left in a neat and presentable  
condition.

A print of Approach Plan Drawing No. 1 is  
herewith inclosed.

Respectfully,

*Edw. L. Hoffman*  
Chief, Legal Section.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
DISTRICT OF COLORADO  
DENVER

May 15, 1935

Mr. Mark A. Skinner, Superintendent  
United States Mint Service  
Denver, Colorado

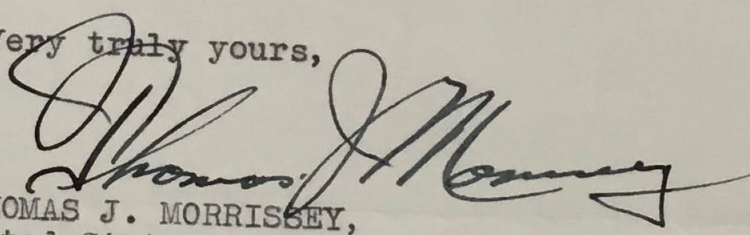
Dear Mr. Skinner:

In re: UNITED STATES MINT SITE, Denver, Colo.

The alley adjacent to the mint building has been vacated and half of the alley has been deeded to the United States. The other half is vested in the United States by virtue of being adjacent to its land.

In view of the fact that the ordinance is already passed, it is my opinion that you have the right to close up the alley in accordance with our telephone conversation of the other day.

Very truly yours,

  
THOMAS J. MORRISSEY,  
United States Attorney

DHM:LT

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MINT AT DENVER



MAY 8, 1935

UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
DENVER, COLORADO

DEAR SIR:

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND COPY OF MY LETTER TO YOU UNDER DATE OF  
FEBRUARY 4, 1935, TOGETHER WITH COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED BY ME ON THAT  
DATE FROM THE CHIEF, LEGAL SECTION, PROCUREMENT DIVISION, PUBLIC WORKS  
BRANCH, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, BOTH OF WHICH ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY.

WILL YOU KINDLY REQUEST THE PROPER CITY AUTHORITIES TO CLOSE THE  
WEST END OF THE ALLEY ADJACENT TO THE MINT BUILDING AND THE OLD BUILDING  
NOW OCCUPIED BY THE HARTMAN-BRUDERLIN PRINTING COMPANY, OR OBTAIN AUTHORITY  
FROM THE CITY FOR ME TO DO SO, IMMEDIATELY UPON THE TRANSFER OF THE LAND  
IN QUESTION.

I WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING ALL OF THE MATTERS HEREIN  
REFERRED TO, YOUR ATTENTION AS EARLY AS MAY BE CONVENIENT.

RESPECTFULLY,

MARK A. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT

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FEBRUARY 4, 1935

CHIEF, LEGAL SECTION  
PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF THE 31ST ULTIMO, INITIALS (PW-L) RELATIVE TO EXERCISING CUSTODY AND CONTROL OVER THE LAND SOUGHT TO BE ACQUIRED AS AN ADDITION TO THE MINT SITE IN THIS CITY WHEN TITLE THERETO BECOMES VESTED IN THE UNITED STATES.

I HAVE THIS DAY FORWARDED A COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY AT DENVER WITH A REQUEST THAT HE WILL PREPARE LEGAL NOTICES FOR SERVICE ON THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDINGS NOW LOCATED ON THE ABOVE LAND, AND WILL FORWARD A COPY OF SUCH NOTICES SHOWING THE DATES OF RECEIPTS, ETC., TO YOUR DIVISION WHEN IN PROPER FORM, AND SUCH OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AS ARE CONTAINED IN YOUR LETTER WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY ME.

IN THIS CONNECTION I HAVE TO ADVISE THAT COPIES OF CIRCULARS NUMBERS 10, 24 AND 30, ALSO COPY OF THE VENDOR'S SURVEY AND A SUPPLY OF FORM 8747 WERE NOT FOUND ENCLOSED WITH YOUR LETTER, AS STATED IN THE NEXT TO THE LAST PARAGRAPH THEREOF, AND I HAVE TO REQUEST THAT THESE BE FORWARDED ME AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

RESPECTFULLY,

MARK A. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT



FEBRUARY 4, 1935

UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
DENVER, COLORADO

DEAR SIR:

I AM HEREWITH ENCLOSING COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED BY ME THIS DAY FROM THE CHIEF, LEGAL SECTION, PROCUREMENT DIVISION, PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS SELF-EXPLANATORY.

I WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING ME WHEN CHECK IN PAYMENT FOR THE LAND IN QUESTION IS PAID OVER TO THE VENDOR AND THE EXACT DATE OF THE VENDOR'S RECEIPT OF THE PURCHASE MONEY.

I WILL ALSO APPRECIATE THE PREPARATION BY YOU OF THE LEGAL NOTICES NECESSARY FOR ME TO CARRY OUT THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS LETTER.

RESPECTFULLY,

MARK A. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT

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PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH

IN REPLYING QUOTE THE ABOVE SUB-  
JECT, BUILDING, AND THESE LETTERS PW- L

DENVER, COLO. MINT (ADDNL. LAND)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON January 31, 1935.

Mr. Mark A. Skinner,  
Superintendent and Custodian,  
United States Mint Site,  
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to the land sought to be acquired as an addition to the Mint site at Denver, Colorado. You are hereby directed to exercise custody and control over same when title thereto becomes vested in the United States.

It will be appreciated if you will familiarize yourself with the property, communicate with the United States Attorney at Denver, Colorado, and furnish him, without expense to the Government, such information as you may have obtained with reference thereto.

Title to the land will become vested in the United States upon payment to the vendor of the purchase money, which it is expected will be made at an early date. Please request the United States Attorney to inform you immediately when the check in payment for the land is paid over to the vendor, and to advise you the exact date of the vendor's receipt for the purchase money.

The buildings and improvements on the land will also become the property of the Government. As this site will be required for the purposes of the Government in the near future, you are directed immediately upon payment of the purchase money to the vendor, to serve written notice on the occupants of the buildings located on the land for the vacation thereof within thirty (30) days; a copy of such notices, showing the dates of receipts, to be forwarded to this Division for file. Said notices should be so drawn and served as to meet the legal requirements of the State of Colorado. The United States Attorney at Denver will give you such information as may be needed regarding legal requirements.



Postmaster and  
Custodian of Site.

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DENVER, COLO. MINT.  
(ADDNL. LAND)  
January 31, 1935.

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Rental at the rate paid to the former owner should be collected from the occupants of the buildings located on the land covering the period from the date title to the land becomes vested in the United States to the dates of vacation. In the event the buildings are occupied by the former owners, a reasonable rental similar to that paid for the use of property of like character in the immediate vicinity should be collected covering the aforesaid period. All rentals collected should be forwarded to this Division in accordance with existing instructions together with an expression of your views and recommendation as to acceptance.

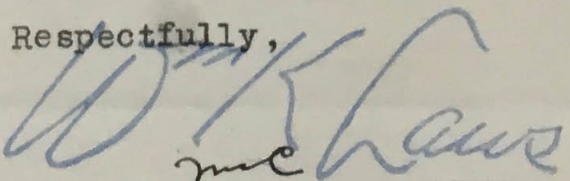
Report the exact date each occupant vacates the premises.

See that the occupants of the premises pay all charges for water, gas and electricity, or other service or supply, as this Division assumes no responsibility for the payment of such bills properly chargeable to the occupants, there being no appropriation therefor. Please notify the utilities companies in writing that they must look to the tenants for the payment of these charges.

Copies of Circulars Nos. 10, 24, and 30, are inclosed for your file, also a copy of the vendor's survey and a supply of Form 8747.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication immediately.

Respectfully,

  
Chief, Legal Section.

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PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH  
PW ASST. DIR.

JAN. 22, 1935

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MRS. NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS,  
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,  
TREASURY BUILDING.

MY DEAR MRS. ROSS:

IN CONNECTION WITH THE STORING OF THE SHIPMENT OF GOLD FROM SAN FRANCISCO IN THE CENTER VAULT OF THE DENVER MINT, A STUDY HAS BEEN MADE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS VAULT, AND IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE COMPARTMENTS (WITH NO LIVE LOAD IN THE CORRIDORS) SHOULD NOT BE LOADED IN EXCESS OF #7000# PER SQUARE FOOT.

THE CONTROLLING FEATURE APPEARS TO BE THE SHEARING STRESS IN THE CONCRETE BEAMS AND LOADS IN EXCESS OF THAT MENTIONED MAY DANGEROUSLY ENCROACH ON THE FACTOR OF SAFETY PROVIDED FOR THIS STRUCTURE.

AS STATED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MINT BY ONE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES, THE CAST IRON COLUMNS SUPPORTING THE FLOOR OF VAULT ON WHICH THE GOLD IS STORED WILL SUPPORT SAFELY A LOAD OF 10000# PER SQUARE FOOT IN THE COMPARTMENTS, PROVIDED THE CORRIDORS ARE NOT USED FOR STORAGE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

W. E. REYNOLDS  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT.



CC for Mr.  
Skinner

November 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM ON GOLD STORAGE, DENVER MINT:

When the present program is completed, there will be approximately \$2,672,500,000 (new value) of gold in the Denver Mint. Of this, \$2,200,000,000 is at present in bars and \$472,500,000 is in coin; \$73,000,000 of this will be received from Chicago. The above does not include the \$135,000,000 of coin now in the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco to be ultimately transferred to the San Francisco Mint and there melted and re-shipped to Denver.

At present all of the compartments in the Denver gold vault are filled except one and a considerable amount of the gold coin is stored in the silver vault, but when the above \$472,500,000 of gold coin has been melted and properly stored in the gold vaults, there will be only 20 of the 22 compartments filled - leaving 2 empty. When the \$135,000,000 of Federal Reserve coin has been received at Denver in the shape of bars, it will fill one of these two compartments - leaving one of the 22 compartments of the gold vault still empty.

These compartments average 5 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 3 in. x 10 ft. high, containing approximately 344 cubic feet. These floors are sufficiently strong to allow the compartments to be filled completely to the ceiling.

When all shipments are completed and melted, including the San Francisco Federal Reserve \$135,000,000 and Chicago Federal Reserve \$73,000,000, THERE WILL BE IN BARS APPROXIMATELY \$2,807,500,000 (NEW VALUE) OF GOLD FILLING 21 COMPARTMENTS of the gold vaults - leaving one empty compartment with a capacity of approximately \$150,000,000.

W. C. Crag, Jr.  
W. C. Crag, Jr.

January 16, 1935.

Hon. Nellie Tayloe Ross  
Director of the Mint  
Washington, D C

My dear Governor:

Complying with request contained in your wire of the 15th I have to advise that inasmuch as Mr. Clark has agreed that we may have the arranging of partitions and machinery in the new addition the matter of controversy resolves itself into the question of judgment. While Mr. Clark agreed during his visit here that additional space was quite frequently desirable, he insisted that all operations could be carried on in the 80 feet as suggested by him and we would have all the space necessary for successful operations. After nearly 30 years of experience Mr. Wells and Mr. Vagor and Mr. White insist that in order to avoid undue congestion the additional seven feet is very important to the economical and successful operations of their departments.

The additional amount required to provide this safeguard is barely 5% of the amount contemplated in the plans as suggested by Mr. Clark. In the event Mr. Clark should be in error the only remedy would be additional construction at a considerable expense; in the event we were mistaken we would have an additional seven feet of space at a very nominal cost and should this space ever be needed



it could be utilized without incurring an added expense. In fact to correct an error in Mr. Clark's plans would entail both time and increased expense, while to correct an error in our plans would amount only to the utilization of increased space already provided. The question therefore comes back to the matter of judgment of Mr. Wells and Mr. Wagon and Mr. White, as based upon nearly 30 years of experience in operating these departments, as against Mr. Clark's theory without the benefit of operating experience.

Having observed the crowded conditions of operating both the coining and refinery departments during my 18 months of service at this institution, I am personally thoroughly convinced that, as a matter of good government and future welfare, this small additional space is tremendously important and will be the most economical in the long run.

Respectfully,

Mark A. Skinner, Superintendent.

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DENVER COLORADO

THE REVISED TENTATIVE FLOOR PLANS FROM THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION BEARING DATE OF DECEMBER FIFTEEN SHOW SEVEN ROLLING MACHINES STOP YOUR PLAN RECOMMENDS EIGHT ROLLING MACHINES STOP THERE ARE ONLY SIX PRESSES NOW INSTALLED IN YOUR MINT STOP IN SANFRANCISCO SIX ROLLS SUPPLY STRIPS FOR EIGHT COIN PRESSES STOP IN PHILADELPHIA

ELEVEN TEN INCH ROLLS AND THREE SIXTEEN INCH ROLLS SUPPLY TWENTY SEVEN PRESS STOP IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE STATEMENT AS TO EQUIPMENT IN THE OTHER PLACES EXPLAIN TO THE BUREAU YOUR INSISTENCE UPON EIGHT ROLLS TO SUPPLY SIX PRESSES STOP EVEN TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT THREE OF

YOUR PRESENT ROLLS ARE PRACTICALLY OBSOLETE AND THAT YOU ARE HAVING MANUFACTURED FOR YOU ONE SET OF ROLLS AT THE MINT IN PHILADELPHIA YOU WILL THEN HAVE UPON COMPLETION OF THIS NEW ROLL FIVE GOOD ROLLS WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO FEED SIX PRESSES STOP PLEASE

WIRE REPLY TODAY STOP A LETTER FROM THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION DATED DECEMBER FIFTEEN WHICH SHOULD HAVE ACCOMPANIED THE BLUEPRINTS TO YOUR MINT IS BEING FORWARDED BY AIR MAIL TODAY

ROSS

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*James J. G.*  
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R A D I O G R A M

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
JANUARY 15, 1935  
4:50 P.M.

MR. MARK SKINNER  
UNITED STATES MINT  
DENVER, COLORADO

RETEL THIS DATE RELATIVE TO YOUR CONTENTION FOR SEVEN ADDITIONAL FEET OF PROPOSED EXTENSION. REQUEST THAT YOU ADDRESS TO ME A LETTER WITHOUT DELAY SETTING FORTH FINALLY YOUR POSITION ON QUESTIONS IN CONTROVERSY BETWEEN YOU AND MR. CLARK, STATING SPECIALLY ALL FACTS AND ALL ARGUMENTS, WHEREUPON THEY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, TOGETHER WITH THOSE OF MR. CLARK AND HIS RECOMMENDATIONS.

IT MAY BE THAT THE SECRETARY, IF CONVINCED THAT YOUR DESIRES ARE REASONABLE, CAN FIND A WAY OF PROVIDING FOR ADDITION OF SEVEN ADDITIONAL FEET.

NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS

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RADIOGRAM

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
JANUARY 14, 1935

UNITED STATES MINT  
DENVER, COLORADO

THE REVISED TENTATIVE FLOOR PLAN FROM THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION BEARING DATE OF DECEMBER 15TH SHOWS 7 ROLLING MACHINES. YOUR PLAN RECOMMENDS 8 ROLLING MACHINES. THERE ARE NOW ONLY 6 PRESSES INSTALLED IN YOUR MINT. IN SAN FRANCISCO 6 ROLLS SUPPLY STRIPS FOR 8 COIN PRESSES. IN PHILADELPHIA 11 - 10" ROLLS AND 3 - 16" ROLLS SUPPLY 27 PRESSES. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AS TO THE EQUIPMENT IN OTHER PLACES, EXPLAIN TO BUREAU YOUR INSISTENCE ON 8 ROLLS TO SUPPLY THESE 6 PRESSES. AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT 3 OF YOUR PRESENT ROLLS ARE PRACTICALLY OBSOLETE AND THAT YOU ARE HAVING MANUFACTURED FOR YOU, ONE SET OF ROLLS AT THE MINT IN PHILADELPHIA, YOU WILL THEN HAVE UPON COMPLETION OF THIS NEW ROLL, 5 GOOD ROLLS WHICH WILL APPEAR TO BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO FEED 6 PRESSES. PLEASE WIRE REPLY TODAY.

LETTER FROM THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION DATED DECEMBER 15TH WHICH SHOULD HAVE ACCOMPANIED THE BLUE PRINTS TO YOUR MINT IS BEING FORWARDED BY AIR MAIL TODAY.

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# RADIOGRAM

DENVER, COLORADO  
JANUARY 15, 1935

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

RETEL 14TH. NOW COINING CENTS, NICKELS AND QUARTERS AND ALL SEVEN ROLLS ARE IN CONSTANT USE. THE RATIO OF ROLLS TO PRESSES CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED WHEN THE CHARACTER OF THE ROLLS, DENOMINATIONS OF COIN AND THE NUMBER OF DENOMINATIONS TO BE MINTED AT THE SAME TIME ARE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED, DOLLARS REQUIRING FROM THREE TO FOUR ROLLS TO KEEP ONE PRESS RUNNING. THE DENVER MINT IS NOT SITUATED AS IS THE PHILADELPHIA MINT SO THAT BRONZE AND NICKEL BLANKS MAY BE PURCHASED, THEREBY RELIEVING THE TREMENDOUS LOAD FROM THE ROLLS.

OUR INSISTENCE IS NOT SO MUCH FOR THE NUMBER OF ROLLS IN THE ROLLING ROOM AS IT IS FOR THE SPACE TO BE ALLOWED IN THE ENTIRE ADDITION. THE DENVER MINT HAS FOR YEARS BEEN SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED FOR LACK OF SPACE BOTH IN THE COINING DEPARTMENT AND REFINERY. THE SEVEN FEET ADDITIONAL IN LENGTH WHICH WE ARE REQUESTING IS VERY MUCH NEEDED IN THE REFINERY.

PLANS SUBMITTED BY US AT THE REQUEST OF THE BUREAU IN THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION WERE DRAWN BY MR. WHITE AFTER WEEKS OF CAREFUL PLANNING AND SUGGESTIONS BY MR. WELLS AND MR. WAGOR.

IT APPEARS TO US IF WE ARE TO SPEND \$350,000 OR MORE ONLY TO FIND OURSELVES STILL SHORT OF SPACE THAT THE ADDITION OF \$15,000 TO \$25,000 FOR THE SEVEN FEET WE ARE ASKING IS NOT UNREASONABLE.

SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT.

R A D I O G R A M

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
JANUARY 14, 1935

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UNITED STATES MINT  
DENVER, COLORADO

MR. CLARK HAS JUST ADVISED ME THAT OWNERS OF PROPERTY AT  
DENVER HAVE AGREED TO TAKE \$25,000 AND ACCEPTANCE HAS BEEN WIRED TODAY  
BY PROCUREMENT DIVISION. PROCUREMENT DIVISION ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE  
REVISED PLANS AT ONCE.

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November 15, 1934.

Hon. Nellie Tayloe Ross  
Director of the Mint  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor:

I am enclosing herewith blueprints of the proposed addition to the Denver Mint, also blueprints of the proposed new vault, to be built at the location now occupied by the silver vault, together with the outline of our joint conference, setting forth the many reasons why we feel these suggestions will give the best possible arrangement for the operation of this institution.

With your thorough understanding of the situation, as it developed in our conference, we feel confident that you will be able to convince the Procurement Division of the reasonableness and the practicability of these reasons, in order that there may be constructed a building which will most adequately meet the needs of our institution.

Thanking you for your great interest in this matter,  
I am,

Respectfully

Mark A. Skinner, Superintendent.

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## BASEMENT.

Omit, as recommended by Washington, south truck entrance in the basement, because it is not needed and there is no room for it.

In the use of this single door it is proposed to head the trucks straight into the driveway and after unloading back out and turn in the area way.

Move the partition north leaving a 24 ft. driveway instead of a 36 ft. driveway, as proposed by Washington. This will give very much needed additional storage room in the basement, convenient to the unloading point and avoid handling of heavy metals.

It is proposed by Denver to install two 100 KW Motor Generator sets in the southeast corner of the basement annex and bring all the leads now coming into the various parts of the building from the alley overhead, through the underground duct into this room. There is danger of the present leads being cut from the outside at any time- that an attack would put the building in darkness. The local Power Company has also given notice that the service of the DC current will be discontinued in the near future.

It is proposed to recondition and equip for gas firing the two 150 HP heating boilers now installed. There will be sufficient data attached showing the necessary saving to justify this change.

New feed water heater may be necessary.

Denver suggests that Target Range be moved from the new addition to the now present coal bunkers in the event that gas firing boilers are installed, where ample room will be available.



DEPOSIT WEIGHING ROOM.

Eliminate entrance next to vault. Want only one entrance. Increase size of vault to 9 x 11 ft., inside measurements, - Smaller vault then 9 x 11 is wholly inadequate.

MAKE-UP ROOM

Denver suggests abandoning the coiner's strip vault and moving this vault over to the Rolling room, as designed by Washington, but to leave the Make-Up vault of the M&R Department, as is. This will eliminate the necessity of going outside of the Make-Up room into the Ingot Melting room and down the hall into the Transfer room.

The Make-Up clerical room work would be performed in the office which would be located in the corner of the present Ingot Melting room and then would be separated by the Vault, from the noise and confusion incident to the operations in the Make-Up room.

In addition they would have access through the present double doors to go in and come from the Make-Up room without passing through the Ingot Melting room. This leaves the Make-Up room and Transfer Room together, which is obviously as it should be and much more convenient for operators.

There are lots of times in the Make-Up room when scales are so busy that it is necessary to use the transfer scales - the transfer scales at many times are not in use and by this arrangement it makes possible the use of the transfer scales whereas if the two rooms are separated this convenience would be impossible. We think this is a saving of at least \$5000.00 in construction and it is much more important to have this money spent upon something that is more essential.

COINING ROOM.

It is proposed to move the lockers (about 24) now on the east side of the stairs in the coining and rolling rooms against the east wall of the vault, between the vault and the stairs. This will necessitate the closing up of the second



entrance into the new annex between the coiner's office and the vault as this space is occupied in the new annex by the coiner's strip vault.

FIRST FLOOR ANNEX.

It is understood that the first floor annex outside dimensions have been changed to 87 ft North and South and 63 ft. East and West.

Whitening ROOM IN NEW ANNEX.

It is suggested by Denver that the Whitening Room be placed on the west side in a room approximately 30 x 33 ft. , as shown on blueprint, and that four barrels are absolutely necessary for process; also six dipping tanks instead of three. This, together with pots and furnaces, will be placed under an elevator crane which is now in use and can be transferred to the new location. This is to take the place of the Monorail, as shown in the new drawing and is entirely satisfactory.

This, together with the elimination of the Monorail over the rolls will result in considerable saving, as there is now in Denver an A frame, which can be used satisfactorily, eliminating the purchase of the monorail.

It is necessary to have a minimum of not less than eight (8) feet instead of four (4) feet, as shown by Washington, between the furnaces and the benches, as this is not only work space but a passageway for trucks, bearing boxes and blanks.

ROLLING ROOM.

It is suggested to place the rolls on the east side of the annex and take up the entire east side. This is necessary in order to give a clearance of 14 ft between the rolls. In many instances the strips are 13 ft. 6in. long and if the rolls are put closer it will necessitate bending and possibly the spoiling of the strips in putting them into the rolls.



FIRST FLOOR ANNEX.

Rolling Room, continued.

To make the lay out possible it will be necessary to put one bearing column in the middle of the south end of the room between the rolls and the punches. The other two columns will go into the partition wall between the Whitening Room and the rolls. This middle bearing column, instead of two lines of columns down the middle, is necessary in order to make the above arrangement of equipment possible and also to handle the strips on trucks between the rolls, as well as the punches.

SECOND FLOOR. ANNEX.

It is very important to separate the tanks holding silver nitrate and gold chloride for the reason that any hoods that may be put over them, while rectifying a large part of these fumes do not remove all of them and the mixing of these fumes is very objectionable to the operators.

This plant is operated 24 hours a day and with the exception of the watchman in the building, the two operators are the only people in this room at night and the law requires that they be in full view of each other at all times.

For the above reasons and in order to follow the natural flow diagram of the material in process, the wash room together with the washing deck above it has been placed at the north side of the Annex, together with the foul solution settling tanks, the dryer and elevator to the wash deck.

The silver cells and the gold cells are located between the wash room and the mixing silver nitrate and gold chloride tanks. This is the logical location because the gold anodes coming from the melting room are treated in the silver and gold solutions, by addition of the electrolyte coming from the nitrate and chloride mixing tanks and from the cells of fine gold and is taken to the washing deck; on the other hand, the sludge, which is the result of the by-product of the settling tanks, is treated and the metals recovered from it in the solution.



#### FOUR STORY VAULT\*

continued.

In order to allow space for height, conduit, etc., under the present refinery located on the second floor it is suggested yhat the two upper vaults, that is, the first floor vault and the one above it, be eight feet in the clear. This will allow  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet between the top of the new vault and the ceiling and the present refining room. This space will be used for piping and conduiting as described above. There is no necessity for carrying the ceilings of the two upper floors of the vault, as shown as it will not be needed in the storing of either coin or bullion.

The moving of the existing floor masonry would entirely stop operations in the Refinery for a considerable period.

The top floor is to be used for the storage of coin and Denver feels that 8 feet is sufficnet height to which coin can be safely stacked, and for an eight foot ceiling that the floor loads shoud be adequate to carry eight feet of coin.

The first floor vault is to be used for M&R working and storage and certain parts of this vault will have to carry gold bars, stacked 8 ft. high to the ceiling. Denver feels that there should be a floor built of ample strength to carry this load and that 2500pounds to the square foot is not sufficient but that 5000 would be safer

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RADIOGRAM

DENVER, COLORADO  
JUNE 26, 1936.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

(FOR GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE)

Treasurer of the United States 1221

HAVE RECEIVED NO REPLY TO OUR REQUEST FOR LOCKER ROOM IN  
REFINERY NOR FOR DOORS ON THE COMPARTMENTS IN THE MELTER & REFINER'S  
VAULT, BOTH OF WHICH ITEMS ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT

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(FOR GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE)

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DENVER, COLORADO  
JUNE 28, 1935

WILLIAM K. LAWS  
CHIEF, LEGAL SECTION  
PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

REPLYING YOUR LETTER JUNE 18TH RECEIVED TODAY: BUILDING ON LAND ACQUIRED AS AN ADDITION TO MINT SITE VACATED BY OCCUPANTS ON MAY 13, 1935, AND KEYS DELIVERED TO ME - ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS OF BUILDING SECURELY LOCKED AND ALL WATER PIPES AND RADIATORS DRAINED. BUILDING INSPECTED ON OUTSIDE BY GUARDS FREQUENTLY DURING NIGHT TO PREVENT VANDALISM. NOTICES TO OCCUPANTS OF BUILDING NOT SERVED AS REQUESTED YOUR LETTER JANUARY 31, 1935, AS BUILDING VACATED PRIOR TO TIME LAND VESTED IN UNITED STATES.

SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT

C O N F I R M I N G



DENVER, COLO.: MINT (ADDNL. LAND)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1935.

PROCUREMENT DIVISION

PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH

IN REPLYING QUOTE THE ABOVE SUB-  
JECT, BUILDING, AND THESE LETTERS PW- L

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JUN 28 1935

CHIEF CLERK  
U. S. MINT AT DENVER

Mr. Mark A. Skinner,  
Superintendent and Custodian,  
United States Mint Site,  
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Reference is made to the land acquired as an addition to the Mint site at Denver, Colorado.

It is a condition of the contract of sale that the vendor cause the sixteen foot public alley lying between the present Mint site and the land proposed to be conveyed to the United States, extending from the westerly side of Evans Street (also known as Cherokee Street) westwardly a distance of 150' to be vacated and a valid title thereto vested in the United States.

The aforesaid portion of the alley was vacated by Ordinance No. 29, Series of 1935 of City and County of Denver, dated April 12, 1935 and passed by Council of City and County of Denver, April 22, 1935.

The sewer in the alley is to be abandoned and plugged at the Government's lot lines and is to be relocated by the City in the southerly 10 feet of the land acquired as an addition to the Mint site, without expense to the United States.

Title to the aforesaid land became vested in the United States May 27, 1935, the date of the vendor's receipt for the purchase money. The cost of the property to the Government was \$25,000. This is all the land to be acquired.

The buildings and improvements on the land also became the property of the Government. Forward to



Mr. Mark A. Skinner

DENVER, COLO.: MINT (ADDNL. LAND)

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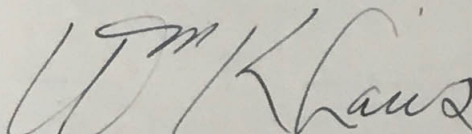
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this Division copies of the notice served on the occupants to vacate the buildings located on the land, as requested in letter addressed to you January 31, 1935.

Report the exact date each occupant vacates the premises.

When the premises are vacated, you are directed to see that all doors and windows of the buildings located on the site are securely locked to prevent vandalism and all water pipes and radiators drained.

Respectfully,

  
Chief, Legal Section.



APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO USE, ETC., FEDERAL BUILDINGS OR THE SITES  
THEREOF.

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Circular Letter No. 10.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISING ARCHITECT,  
Washington, D. C., November 8, 1913.

To Superintendents and Custodians in charge of Federal Buildings:

Frequently applications are made to the Department by municipalities or individual citizens for permission to use Federal buildings for meetings, to use strips of the Federal building site for the purpose of widening side-walks, or requesting or suggesting various betterments and changes, etc. In the majority of these cases the local representative of the Treasury Department in charge of the building acts as the intermediary between the Department and the applicant. This is as it should be, but it is noted that in a number of such instances the Government's local representative appears to have expressed his opinion on the subject to the applicant, and in this way has caused the Department embarrassment in disposing of the matter.

Officials in charge of buildings and lands under the control of the Treasury Department are not empowered to allow any nongovernmental use of United States property unless such use has been previously authorized in writing by the Department. Any such use now existing and not heretofore duly authorized must be promptly and fully reported to the Department.

If a request for such a privilege, change, betterment, etc., is brought to the attention of the Department's local representative by those interested, he should inform them that a written application must be submitted to him, for forwarding to the Department. If they prefer not to do this, they should be told to correspond directly with the Department.

The Department's local representative must merely gather all information obtainable locally regarding the case that he deems essential to enable the Department to act intelligently on the application and submit all papers, etc., to the Department with his definite recommendation for or against the proposition and the reasons for such view. He is not to express any opinion to those interested or disclose his recommendation. His whole function in such cases is to act as the intermediary under official instructions, and not as an agent or attorney for those interested in obtaining such permissions, etc.

Any infraction of these instructions will be considered sufficient reason for subjecting the offending Government representative to disciplinary action.

The officer to whom this communication is delivered should promptly send an acknowledgment of its receipt to the Department.

JAS. A. WETMORE,

Acting Supervising Architect.

Approved:

W. G. McADOO,

Secretary of the Treasury.



# ASSESSMENTS AGAINST UNITED STATES PROPERTY.

Please keep this circular at hand for future reference, in order to avoid unnecessary correspondence regarding points answered below.

1914.

Department Circular No. 24.

Office Supervising Architect.

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Washington, April 6, 1914.

*To Custodians of Federal Buildings and Sites, Municipal Officers, and others who may be concerned:*

### PURPOSE.

(1) This Department receives from time to time numerous notices of taxes or assessments against property of the United States under its control for such municipal improvements as sewers, sidewalks, street paving (roadway), gutters, curbing, street lighting, etc., and for sprinkling streets, removing snow and ice from sidewalks, caring for trees outside the United States lot, etc., for the payment of which assessments or charges no appropriation is made by Congress. The following information is published in an endeavor to forestall such notices and the resulting correspondence and occasional legal proceedings for the eventually necessary cancellation of such assessments, taxes, etc.

### CONSENT—CESSION OF JURISDICTION—EXEMPTION.

(2) Article 1, Section 8, Clause 17 of the Constitution of the United States vests in Congress the power \* \* \* "to exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever \* \* \* over all places purchased by the consent of the Legislature of the State in which the same shall be, for \* \* \* needful public buildings;" and Section 355 of the Revised Statutes of the United States requires the cession of State jurisdiction over such sites before expenditures for Federal buildings can be made. In conformity with these provisions each of the several States has enacted general laws ceding to the United States jurisdiction over Federal building sites by virtue of which said sites are exempt from all taxation, assessment, or other charges levied or imposed by any State, county, or municipality. The principle of the nonliability of the Government for reimbursement for improvements made by States or municipalities inuring to the benefit of the Government is not a new one, but is sustained by a long and unbroken line of precedents and authorities, both National and State. (See 2 Comptroller's Decisions 375, and authorities therein cited.) Also see 4 Comptroller's Decisions 116, wherein the statement is made:

"The United States are not liable for an assessment levied by local State authorities, even though the improvement may be a direct benefit to the property."

Doubtless, for these reasons Congress has provided no appropriation for the payment by the Government of any part of the cost of municipal improvements. (McCullough v. Maryland, 4 Wheaton, 316; Fagan v. Chicago, 84 Ill. Repts., 227; Coe v. Aaron, 116 U. S., 517; Van Brocklin v. Tennessee, 117 U. S., 151; People v. Austin, 47 Calif. Repts., 353; People v. McCreery, 34 Calif. Repts., 431; and United States v. Southern Oregon Co., 196 Fed. Rep., 423.)

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### CITY SEWERS—PRIVATE SEWERS.

(4) For the above-stated reasons this Department can not join in the cost of the construction or repair of any public sewer, but does in certain cases construct private sewers at its expense, after having secured irrevocable licenses or easements (in the form of ordinances) giving the United States the right in perpetuity to the exclusive use of such sewer. Unless such permission to the United States be in perpetuity the appropriations under this Department's control would not be available for the expenditure.



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Secretary.



COLLECTION AND TRANSMITTAL OF PROCEEDS OF SALES AND RENTAL COLLECTIONS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
PROCUREMENT DIVISION, PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH,  
WASHINGTON, MAY 16, 1934.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 30  
(AS AMENDED)

TO CUSTODIANS OF FEDERAL BUILDINGS AND SITES:

ALL PAYMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES ON ACCOUNT OF AMOUNTS DUE FROM SALES OF WASTE PAPER (OTHER THAN FOR THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT), OLD OR CONDEMNED MATERIAL, FURNITURE, ETC., FROM PUBLIC BUILDINGS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, AND FROM GROUND RENTS, RENTS OF BUILDINGS, ETC., ON FEDERAL BUILDING SITES WILL BE PAID BY POST OFFICE MONEY ORDER ON WASHINGTON, D. C., OR BY DRAFT ON NEW YORK, N. Y., DRAWN TO THE ORDER OF THE "TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES", SAID MONEY ORDER OR DRAFT TO BE DELIVERED TO THE CUSTODIAN OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING (OR SITE). CHECKS ON LOCAL BANKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR SUCH PAYMENTS BECAUSE OF THE DELAY INCIDENT TO THEIR COLLECTION.

UPON RECEIVING SUCH POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS OR NEW YORK DRAFTS, THE OFFICER CHARGED WITH SECURING PAYMENTS MUST IMMEDIATELY LIST THE SAME ON FORM 8747, IN TRIPLICATE, FASTEN THE ORIGINAL AND TWO CARBONS AROUND THE REMITTANCES, AND FORWARD THE PACKAGE TO THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION, PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH, ACCOUNTING SECTION, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., BY NEXT MAIL.

IN CASE OF A SALE THE TRIPLICATE STATEMENT ON FORM 8747 MUST SHOW THE DATE OF THE LETTER AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND MUST SHOW OR BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COMPLETE INVENTORY OF THE PROPERTY SOLD AND THE AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR EACH ARTICLE OR LOT. THE GROSS PROCEEDS OF SUCH SALES MUST BE REMITTED TO THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION, PUBLIC WORKS BRANCH, ACCOUNTING SECTION. WHEN THERE ARE EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH THE SALE, THE USUAL VOUCHERS THEREFOR SHOULD BE PREPARED, CERTIFIED, AND SUBMITTED TO THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION WITH FORM 8747 FOR APPROVAL. WHEN SO APPROVED, SUCH VOUCHERS WILL BE PAID BY THE DISBURSING CLERK, DIVISION OF DISBURSEMENT, OUT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SALE.

THE LAW REQUIRES THE DEPOSIT OF THE GROSS PROCEEDS OF RENTAL COLLECTIONS.

ANY COST INCIDENT TO REMITTING BY SUCH POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS OR NEW YORK DRAFTS MUST BE BORNE BY THE PERSONS MAKING THE PAYMENTS. THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO COMBINING IN ONE SUCH ORDER OR DRAFT SEVERAL AMOUNTS PAYABLE AT THE SAME TIME.

IN FUTURE WHEN ACCOUNTING FOR SUCH COLLECTIONS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THIS DEPARTMENT, PLEASE BE GOVERNED BY THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS.

C. J. PEOPLES,  
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT.



# DENVER, COLORADO

(MINT)

W. COLFAX AVE.

U. S. MINT

COURTLAND AVE

ONE STORY BRICK BLDG.

Area = 12,003.75 sq. ft.

No Building Encroachments

BLOCK 10

EVANS AND ELBERT'S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 10  
IN EVANS ADDITION AND BLOCK 10  
IN WITTER'S FIRST ADDITION

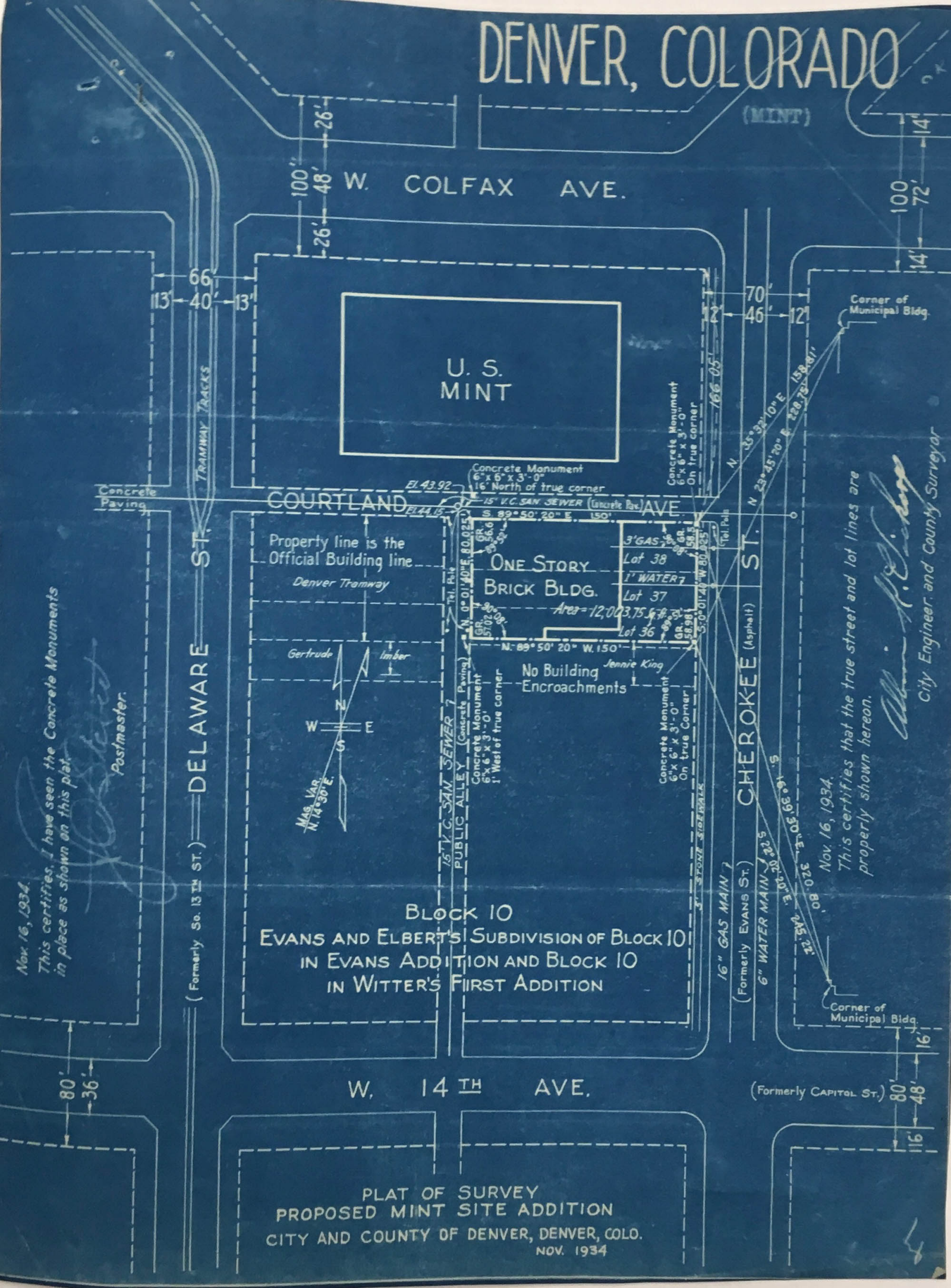
W. 14<sup>TH</sup> AVE.

PLAT OF SURVEY  
PROPOSED MINT SITE ADDITION  
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, DENVER, COLO.  
NOV. 1934

Nov. 16, 1934.  
This certifies, I have seen the Concrete Monuments  
in place as shown on this plat.  
*Postmaster.*

Nov. 16, 1934.  
This certifies that the true street and lot lines are  
properly shown hereon.

*Alvin H. P. Bishop*  
City Engineer and County Surveyor





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Report No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(For use of Administrative Bureau.)

## FROM

(City, State, and date.)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934



(City, State, and date.)

(Title of remitting officer.)

2-1782



(To be filled in by the Disbursing Clerk.)

Report No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(For use of Administrative Bureau.)

**FROM**

*Disbursing Clerk,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.*

Office of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Remitting officer.)

(City, State, and date.)

N. Y. DRAFT OR P. O. MONEY ORDER. [State which and No.]	DATE AUTHORIZED BY DEPARTMENT.	AMOUNT REMITTED.	BY WHOM PAYMENT IS MADE.	PROPERTY RENTED, OR MATERIAL, ETC., SOLD.	PERIOD COVERED BY PAYMENT.
TOTAL REMITTED:					

Respectfully,

(Title of remitting officer.)

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

RENT, \$-----

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SALES, \$-----

The receipt of the above-described remittances is hereby acknowledged.

*Disbursing Clerk.*

INSTRUCTIONS.—The officer receiving New York drafts or post-office money orders in payment of rent, proceeds of sales, etc., must, upon such receipt, immediately list the drafts and post-office money orders on this form in TRIPPLICATE, fasten the original and two CARBONS around the remittances, and forward the same direct to the Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, by the next mail.

\*This triplicate statement (when it covers a sale) must show, or be accompanied by, a complete inventory of all property sold and the amount received for each article or lot. The gross proceeds of such sales must be remitted to the Disbursing Clerk. When there are expenses connected with the sale the usual vouchers therefor should be prepared, certified, and submitted herewith, to be sent by the Disbursing Clerk to the Supervising Architect's office for approval. When so approved, such vouchers will be paid by the Disbursing Clerk out of the proceeds of the sale.

The law requires the deposit of the gross proceeds of RENTAL collections. Any cost incident to remitting by such New York drafts or post-office money orders must be borne by the persons making the payments. There is no objection to combining in one such draft or order several amounts payable at the same time.

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The Denver Wrecking and Construction Co.

DEALERS IN

Lumber and Building Material

1000 SOUTH BROADWAY

PHONE PEARL 3705

DENVER, COLO. March. 8, 1935

Hartman-Bruderlin Printing Co.  
1445 Cherokee St.  
Denver, Colo.

Gentleman;

We will pay \$ 850.00 for the building at 1445  
Cherokee St. and remove the same, from the premises, to the present  
lot level.

Yours Truly,

Denver Wrecking & Constr. Co.

*K. Friedman*

APRIL 27, 1935

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MY DEAR MADAM DIRECTOR:

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY HAS TAKEN PRELIMINARY ACTION WHICH WILL PERMIT THE EARLY TRANSFER TO THE UNITED STATES OF LAND ADJOINING THIS MINT ON WHICH OUR ADDITION WILL BE CONSTRUCTED. AS YOU NO DOUBT REMEMBER THERE IS A LARGE ONE-STORY BUILDING LOCATED ON THIS LAND WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED AND IN ORDER THAT THERE MAY BE NO UN-NECESSARY DELAY IN STARTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BUILDING, I WILL APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING ME INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO THE OBTAINING OF BIDS FOR THE REMOVAL OF SAID BUILDING AS EARLY AS MAY BE CONVENIENT.

RESPECTFULLY,

MARK A. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT



DENVER, COLORADO, MINT.

RECEIVED

MAY 10 1935

CHIEF CLERK  
U. S. MINT AT DENVER

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Washington

Procurement Division  
Public Works Branch

PW-Asst. Dir.

May 6, 1935.

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross,  
Director of the Mint,  
Treasury Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Ross:

Acknowledgement is made of the letter from  
Mr. Mark A. Skinner dated April 27, which has been  
referred to this Division, relative to the removal of  
the old building from the site where the extension of  
the Denver Mint is to be constructed.

On account of the delay in securing title to  
part of the alley south of the present building, it has  
been decided to include in the building contract the clear-  
ing of the site and the removal of the sewer, in case the  
vendor of the site is not held responsible for the necessary  
sewer work.

It is expected that the plans and specifications  
for the extension will be placed on the market this month,  
and it will be inadvisable to have a contractor clearing  
the site who might delay the general contractor in commencing  
the foundation work.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd) W. E. Reynolds

Assistant Director of Procurement.

Bureau of the Mint,  
May 7, 1935.

Respectfully referred to the Supt., U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

*M. M. O'Leary*

Acting Director of the Mint.

*Keys to old building delivered to  
Mr. Skinner May 13, 1935.*

## RADIOGRAM

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
JUNE 12, 1935- 4:15 PM

CUSTODIAN  
UNITED STATES MINT  
DENVER, COLORADO

WIRE IMMEDIATELY WHEN IT IS EXPECTED STEPS WILL BE TAKEN BY CITY FOR ABANDONMENT AND BLOCKING OF SEWER AT LOT LINE AND RELOCATION OF SAME WITHOUT EXPENSE TO THE UNITED STATES ACROSS SOUTHERLY TEN FEET OF LOT ACQUIRED FOR ADDITION TO FEDERAL BUILDING SITE AT DENVER.

LAWS

## RADIOGRAM

MR. LAWS  
PROCUREMENT DIVISION  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DENVER, COLORADO  
JUNE 13, 1935

ANSWERING YOURS OF JUNE 12TH. CITY CANNOT TAKE ACTION REQUESTED WITH RESPECT TO SEWER ON LAND ACQUIRED FOR ADDITION TO MINT UNTIL OLD BUILDING NOW ON LAND HAS BEEN REMOVED. RECOMMENDED IN MY LETTER OF APRIL 27TH TO DIRECTOR OF MINT THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO WRECK SAID BUILDING. HAD SUCH AUTHORITY BEEN GRANTED, CITY COULD HAVE SEWER ATTENDED TO. PLEASE REFER TO LETTER ADDRESSED TO MRS. NELLIE TAYLOE ROSS, DIRECTOR OF MINT BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT UNDER DATE OF MAY 6, 1935.

SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT

CONFIRMING

*Keys delivered to Mr Skinner May 13<sup>th</sup> 1935*



R A D I O G R A M

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
JUNE 29, 1935 - 12:35 PM

CUSTODIAN, U. S. MINT  
DENVER, COLORADO

REFERENCE RELOCATION SOUTH TEN FEET OF ADDITIONAL OF LAND CITY SHOULD  
PROCEED RELOCATE SEWER IMMEDIATELY AFTER VACATION BUILDING BY FORMER OWNER.  
SEWER SHOULD BE CARRIED THROUGH FOUNDATION WALLS OF EXISTING BUILDING AT  
LOCATIONS WHERE NECESSARY IN TEN FOOT STRIP. PROVISION WILL BE MADE IN CON-  
STRUCTION CONTRACT TO PERMIT THIS WORK BE DONE PROVIDED LEAST INTERFERENCE  
POSSIBLE BY CITY WITH GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION WORK.

EDWARD R. WITMAN

# Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at

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WASHN DC 1235P JUNE 29

CUSTODIAN U S MINT

DENVER COLO

REF RELOCATION SOUTH TEN FEET OF ADDITIONAL OF LAND CITY SHOULD  
PROCEED RELOCATE SEWER IMMEDIATELY AFTER VACATION BLDG BY FORMER  
OWNER STOP SEWER SHOULD BE CARRIED THROUGH FOUNDATION WALLS OF  
EXISTING BLDG AT LOCATIONS WHERE NECESSARY IN TEN FOOT STRIP

STOP PROVISION WILL BE MADE IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO PERMIT  
THIS WORK BE DONE PROVIDED LEAST INTERFERENCE POSSIBLE BY CITY  
WITH GOVT CONSTRUCTION WORK

EDWARD R WITMAN

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*Handwritten:*  
Shaw 74th  
B. a.



Labingiam  
Washington D.C.

12:35 P.M.

Custodian of Mint:

Reference relocation south 10 feet  
of additional of land, City should proceed  
relocated sewer immediately after  
vacation Building by former owner,  
sewer should be carried through foundation  
wall of existing building at location  
where necessary in 10 ft. strip, provision  
will be made in construction contract  
to permit this work being done  
providing least interferences possible  
by Government construction work.

Signed

R. Witman

Recd. by Galvin 2<sup>45</sup> P.M.

R a d i o g r a m

Washington, D. C. 6-29-35 12:35 P.M.

Custodian of Mint

Reference relocation south ten feet of additional land City should proceed ~~reint~~ relocated sewer immediately after vacation building by former owner. Sewer should be carried through foundation wall of existing building at location where necessary in 10 ft. strip. Provision will be made in construction contract to permit this work being done providing least interference possible by government construction work.

R. Witman

Received by Calvin 6-29-35. 2:45 P.M.



JULY 2, 1935

THE DENVER PUBLISHING COMPANY  
DENVER, COLORADO

GENTLEMEN:

REFERRING TO THE LAND ACQUIRED TO THE SOUTH OF THIS BUILDING  
AS ADDITION TO THE PRESENT MINT SITE, THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF THE  
TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY ME ON YESTERDAY FROM MR. EDWARD R. WITMAN, CHIEF  
LEGAN SECTION, PROCUREMENT DIVISION, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C:

"REFERRING RELOCATION SOUTH TEN FEET OF ADDITIONAL OF LAND CITY  
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STRIP STOP PROVISION WILL BE MADE IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO  
PERMIT THIS WORK BE DONE PROVIDED LEAST INTERFERENCE POSSIBLE BY  
CITY WITH GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION WORK".

IN ORDER THAT I MAY MAKE REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE, I WOULD APPRECIATE  
YOUR FURNISHING ME WITH THE NECESSARY INFORMATION AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

RESPECTFULLY,

MARK A. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT.

DECEMBER 5, 1935

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MY DEAR MADAM DIRECTOR:

AS REQUESTED IN YOUR MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 20TH, I AM NOW ENCLOSING A STATEMENT OF THE NECESSARY NEW EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADDITION TO THIS BUILDING, A JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BEING INCLUDED WITH EACH ITEM. THESE ESTIMATES ARE, OF COURSE, ONLY APPROXIMATE AS IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN DEFINITE FIGURES WITHOUT CONSUMING CONSIDERABLE TIME.

I REGRET THE DELAY WHICH HAS OCCURRED IN FURNISHING THESE COSTS TO THE BUREAU, AND TRUST THE INFORMATION AS SUBMITTED WILL MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL.

RESPECTFULLY,

MARK A. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT

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## NEW EQUIPMENT FOR COINING DEPARTMENT

1-32" TOLHURST EXTRACTOR  
TO BE USED IN BLEACHING ROOM  
FOR DRYING BLOCKS.

PRESENT EQUIPMENT IS NOT OF SUFFICIENT  
SIZE TO TAKE CARE OF WORK WHEN WORKING  
FULL CAPACITY.

\$1,500.00

1 - CUTTING PRESS  
FOR PLANCHETS COMPLETE WITH  
MOTOR AND EQUIPMENT.

PRESENT EQUIPMENT IS NOT OF SUFFICIENT  
CAPACITY WHEN RUNNING THREE DENOMINA-  
TIONS. OVERTIME IS REQUIRED TO KEEP  
UP WITH THE ROLLS.

2,500.00

1 - ROLLING MILL 10½"  
COMPLETE WITH MOTOR AND  
STEEL ROLLS.

OUR PRESENT ROLLING EQUIPMENT IS NOT  
OF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO KEEP UP WITH  
PRESSES WHEN WE ARE REQUIRED TO RUN  
THREE DENOMINATIONS.

6,500.00

ROLLS AND REPAIRS FOR  
WATER COOLED ROLLING MILL:

1 - SET OF STEEL ROLLS  
1 - NEW PINION AND BULL WHEEL  
1 - NEW HEAVY DRIVING CHAIN

THESE ROLLS HAVE BEEN RUNNING FOR  
20 YEARS AND ARE NOW IN NEED OF REPAIR  
PARTS TO DO ACCURATE WORK.

2,500.00

3 - NEW A. C. MOTORS

THESE MOTORS ARE TO REPLACE SOME OF OUR  
EQUIPMENT IN BLEACHING ROOM THAT HAS  
BEEN IN SERVICE FOR 29 YEARS.

800.00

1 - PUNCH AND DIE GRINDER

THIS PUNCH GRINDER WILL BE USED IN  
ROLLING ROOM. THIS WORK IS NOW DONE  
IN MACHINE SHOP. IF THIS MACHINE IS  
INSTALLED IN ROLLING ROOM IT WILL SAVE  
ONE MAN'S TIME, AS THE WORK CAN BE DONE  
WITH PRESENT FORCE IN ROLLING ROOM.

1,200.00

1 - OPEN TYPE BLOWER  
FOR DRYING PLANCHETS.

THIS BLOWER WILL REPLACE PRESENT BLOWER  
WHICH IS NOT OF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY FOR  
PRESENT WORK.

150.00

TOTAL \$15,150.00

## NEW EQUIPMENT FOR REFINERY OPERATIONS

1 - 800 AMPERS MOTOR GENERATOR  
COMPLETE WITH SWITCH BOARD AND  
NECESSARY EQUIPMENT.

PRESENT GENERATING EQUIPMENT IN RE-  
FINERY HAS NOT SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO  
TAKE CARE OF ALL THE CELLS IN THE NEW  
ADDITION.

\$4,000.00

WIRES, CABLES AND MISCELLANEOUS  
EQUIPMENT FOR NEW ADDITION IN  
REFINERY.

WIRES AND CABLES TO GOLD, SILVER AND  
PLAT CELLS TO OLD LAYOUT HAVE BEEN IN  
USE FOR 25 YEARS AND THE INSULATION  
IS SO BADLY CHARRED IT IS UNSAFE FOR  
ANY FURTHER USE AND MUST BE REPLACED  
WITH NEW CABLE.

2,000.00



NEW EQUIPMENT FOR REFINERY OPERATIONS - CONTINUED

2 - ANALYTICAL BALANCES, AND  
WEIGHTS IN ASSAY WEIGH ROOM.

THE BALANCES NOW IN REFINERY ARE  
OF THE OLD TYPE AND ARE BEYOND REPAIR.  
IT IS PROPOSED TO TRANSFER TWO BALANCES  
NOW USED IN ASSAY WEIGH ROOM TO REF-  
INERY AND USE THE NEW BALANCES IN ASSAY  
WEIGH ROOM. \$500.00

24 PORCELAIN CELLS  
(GOLD REFINING)

PRESENT EQUIPMENT HAVING BEEN IN  
SERVICE FOR 29 YEARS IS NOT FIT FOR  
FUTURE USE, AND IS INSUFFICIENT FOR  
CONTEMPLATED PRODUCTION. 1,500.00

8 STONEWARE TANKS  
(SILVER REFINING)

FOR REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED TANKS IN  
PRESENT EQUIPMENT, AND PROVIDE FOR  
INCREASED PRODUCTION. 600.00

MISCELLANEOUS PORCELAIN AND  
EARTHENWARE TANKS, FILTERS AND  
JARS FOR WASHING PRECIPITATES  
AND HANDLING SOLUTIONS.

TO REPLACE PRESENT EQUIPMENT WHICH  
IS CRACKED AND OTHERWISE DAMAGED  
AFTER LONG USE. 1,510.00

RUBBER AND GLASS-COVERED  
TANKS AND FILTERS.

NEEDED FOR FILTERING AND HANDLING  
OF VERY HOT SOLUTIONS; WITHSTANDS  
ACTION OF ACID AND DOES NOT CRACK  
UNDER HEAT. 1,490.00

AGITATOR FOR STIRRING  
SOLUTIONS.

TO ELIMINATE HAND-STIRRING WITH  
PADDLE, AND MATERIALLY REDUCE TIME  
IN COMPLETING THIS OPERATION. 250.00

CRUSHING AND CONCENTRATING  
MACHINERY.

TO FACILITATE THE RECOVERY OF VALUES  
FROM FURNACE MATERIAL AND SLAGS IN  
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2,000.00

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT  
UNITED STATES MINT

# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES MINT SERVICE

DENVER, COLO.

## NEW EQUIPMENT FOR COINING DEPARTMENT

1 - 32" Tolhurst Extractor  
to be used in Bleaching Room  
for drying blocks.

Present equipment is not of sufficient size to take care of work, when working full capacity.

\$ 1,500.00

1 - Cutting Press  
for Planchets complete with motor and equipment.

Present equipment is not of sufficient capacity when running three denominations, over time is required to keep up with rolls.

2,500.00

1 - Rolling Mill 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
complete with motor and steel rolls.

Our present rolling equipment is not of sufficient capacity to keep up with presses when we are required to run three denominations.

6,500.00

Rolls and Repairs for  
Water Cooled Rolling Mill:  
1 - set of steel rolls  
1 - new pinion and bull wheel  
1 - new heavy driving chain

These rolls have been running for 20 years and are now in need of repair parts to do accurate work.

2,500.00

3 - New A.C. Motors

These motors are to replace some of our equipment in bleaching room that has been in service for 29 years.

800.00

1 - Punch and die  
grinder

This punch grinder will be used in Rolling Room, this work is now done in Machine Shop; if this machine is installed in Rolling Room it will save one man's time, as the work can be done with present force in Rolling Room.

1,200.00

1 - Open Type Blower  
for drying planchets.

This blower will replace present blower which is not of sufficient capacity for present work.

150.00

Total ...

\$15,150.00





# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES MINT SERVICE

DENVER, COLO.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT  
UNITED STATES MINT

## New Equipment for Refinery Operations

1 - 800 ampers motor generator complete with switch board and necessary equipment.

Present Generating Equipment in Refinery has not sufficient capacity to take care of all the cells in the new addition.

\$4,000.00

Wires and Cables and Miscellaneous Equipment for new addition in Refinery.

Wires and Cables to gold, silver and float to old layout has been in use for 29 years and the insulation is so badly charred it is unsafe for any further use and must be replaced with new cable.

\$2,000.00

2 - Analytical Balances, and Weights, in Assay Weigh Room.

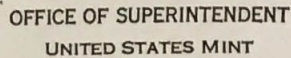
The Balances now in Refinery are of the old type and are beyond repair. It is proposed to transfer two balances now used in Assay Weigh room to Refinery, and to use the new balances. *in assay weigh Room*

\$ 500.00

Total...

\$6,500.00





## UNITED STATES MINT SERVICE

DENVER, COLO.

(Gold refining)

Present equipment having been in service for twenty-nine years is not fit for future use, and is insufficient for contemplated production.

\$1,500.00

## 8 Stoneware Tanks

(Silver Refining)

For replacement of damaged tanks  
in present equipment, and provide  
for increased production.

600.00

Miscellaneous porcelain  
and earthenware tanks,  
filters and jars for  
washing precipitates  
and handling solutions

To replace present equipment  
which is cracked and otherwise  
damaged after long use.

1,510.00

Rubber and Glass-covered  
tanks and filters

Needed for filtering and handling of very hot solutions; withstands action of acid and does not crack under heat.

1,490.00

Agitator for stirring  
solutions.

To eliminate hand-stirring with paddle, and materially reduce time in completing this operation

250.00

## Crushing and Concentrating Machinery

To facilitate the recovery of values from furnace material and slags in refining operations

600.00

Total

\$5,950.00

650,000

1245000

151501

\$ 27600.00

$\frac{1}{2} \times 200 \times 100 = 10,000$   
 $\frac{1}{2} \times 200 \times 100 = 10,000$   
 Total

R A D I O G R A M

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
NOVEMBER 20, 1935

UNITED STATES MINT  
DENVER, COLORADO

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COMPLETION OF THE ADDITION TO THE MINT AT DENVER IT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE NECESSARY TO PURCHASE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE ADVISE THE BUREAU BY AIR MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO BE PURCHASED AND THE EXTRAORDINARY COST INCIDENT TO THE MINT LAYOUT. THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO SUBMIT AN ESTIMATE TO CONGRESS AND IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SUBMIT WITH EACH ITEM A JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE.

Ross

RECEIVED  
NOVEMBER 20, 1935  
4:30 P.M.



Mr. Henrichs

November 25, 1935.

Mr. James D. Owens  
Construction Engineer in  
Charge of Operations  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

The contract for the heating equipment provides for one Duplex Vacuum Heating Pump of 15,000 square feet of equipment, direct radiation. An extra Vacuum Pump of the same make and capacity as is now under contract should be supplied. It is important to have this extra pump as the failure of one pump would stop part of our operations.

There should also be supplied one Air Compressor for this institution, as our old compressors are about worn out and the maintenance for this equipment is such that we should scrap these compressors and install one new modern compressor of the following size:-

Compressor to be capable, when operating at an altitude of 5000 feet, at 150 revolutions per minute, of compressing 280 cubic feet of free air per minute, and to hold a pressure at the receiver tank of 150 lbs., the compressor to be driven by a three phase motor of suitable size and to have an approved V-belt drive. The voltage of motor is three phase, 208 volt, 60 cycles.

I desire to recommend that the above described equipment be procured.

Respectfully,

Mark A. Skinner, Superintendent.



## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

# PROCUREMENT DIVISION

PUBLIC BUILDINGS BRANCH

## FIELD FORCE

OFFICE OF  
CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER  
**James D. Owens**

Denver, Colorado,  
October 6, 1936.

Mr. Mark A. Skinner,  
Superintendent U. S. Mint,  
Denver, Colorado.

Sir :

In connection with completion of the extension and remodeling of the Denver Mint, we hand you herewith three Master Keys No. 272 manufactured by Sargent & Co. These keys are mastered for all hollow metal doors, also all wood panel doors required under the construction contract.

Following is receipt form which please sign,  
returning two copies to me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,  
James D. Owens

James D. Curren  
Construction Engineer.

Received of James D. Owens, Construction Engineer,  
October 6, 1936, one set of Master Keys by Sargent  
& Co. No. 272, mastered for all hollow metal and wood  
doors under the Kirchhof Construction contract.

Signed

Cus to di an

ood OK  
(Mrs. Shiner)



*Have  
to your  
file  
OK*

Mr. James D. Owens  
Construction Engineer  
in Charge of Operations  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the protective work in the Denver Mint for the satisfactory functioning of the watchman's call system, as required under this contract, I hereby request that Watchman's Station 6-2 be transferred to position W-2-4 and that watchman's box at said position be transferred to the elevator lobby mezzanine level on the inside face of main south wall of old building. This relocation is desired in order to require the watchman to inspect the open passage between new Vault No. 1 and the south wall of the building at the time of pulling said box.

I also request that Watchman's Station No. 4-9 be relocated on the inside face of south wall of vault elevator lobby basement level in lieu of the vault lobby to the gold vault.

Inasmuch as these stations are overlapped in running the watchmen's routes, I feel that they will serve a better purpose positioned as requested than to have them located as required by contract plans.

Respectfully,

Mark A. Skinner, Superintendent.

Mr Skimmer,

For your information  
Copy of final report on U.S  
Mint Work and Building.  
Correction list on Protective  
Work to go to Mr White. to  
report on as soon as all is  
Satisfactory to you, Yours QLO.



Final Report on  
U.S. Construction and  
Mint Protective Contracts.

Denver, Colo. U.S. Mint Addition and  
Protective Work.

*Copy to White*

Owens,  
U.S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Denver, Colo.  
January 2 nd. 1937

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Supervising Engineer,  
Public Buildings Branch,  
Procurement Division,  
Washington, D.C.

JAN 25 1937

CHIEF CLERK  
U. S. MINT AT DENVER

Sir:

Complying with instructions to submit Final Report ON WORK  
under my control at U.S. Mint, Denver, as contained in  
Dept. Letter Dec. 14th-36 transferring me from Denver, Colo.  
to supervise construction of P.O. and Court House, Aberdeen,  
So. Dakota, effective Dec. 31st.36.

The following is respectfully submitted.

----- U.S. Mint Addition and Remodeling work -----  
under contract to F.J. Kirchhof Construction Co.-

Completed--- ----- Sept. 26 th- 36  
Final Inspection made Sept. 28 to 30-36  
Final Report on items to be corrected submitted Nov.27.

----- Matters pending at that time.-----

1. Drive way changes, credits involved(see let.2/15/36-	30.17
2- Drive way window grills, charge 11/16/36	64.08
3- Claim for refinery Room painting 11/16/36	136.21
	-----
	\$231.46

-----Matters between Const.Eng.& Contractor-----

1- Claim Oct. 26 /36 for \$111.83 for re-routing P.lines	
2- Claim Sept. 10/36 " 30.56 stairs from S.Board lev.	
Both rejected.	down to sub-basement.

----- Financial Condition-----

See Summary report submitted Nov. 27, 1936

--- Mechanical Work-----

See Final Report submitted Nov. 27, 1936

-- -Property Settlements-----

<sup>UN</sup>  
All used samples hardware, Books, catalogs, instruction  
manuals, Files, plans, records with the exception of  
Final File were turned over to Mr. Marshall White, Bldg.  
Superintendent before leaving the building.

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JAN 25 1937

CHIEF CLERK

U. S. MINT AT DENVER



## --- Proper Settlement-----

All Master Keys to doors, gates and vaults were turned over to Mint Superintendent and receipt taken.

All other keys and tools were tagged with proper designation and turned over to Mr. White.

## --- Temporary Electric Service-----

The temporary D.C. Feeders coming into the New Building will have to remain in use until new Motor Gen. sets are installed and working satisfactorily.

All temporary or old water line service entering site was capped at the mains in the street to the satisfaction of the Denver Water and Sewer Depts.

## ----- Vault Entrance Work-----

Vault Entrance Work completed and officially accepted.

Proposed work likely to follow.-----

- 1- Installation of New Precipitators-
- 2- Do. " " Compressors and Blowers,
- 3- Do " " Sludge Elevator in New Refinery.
- 4- " " " Motor Generator sets.
- 5- " " " Rifle and Pistol Range.
- 6- Yard paving and waterproofing of East side parking Areas

## ----- Maintenance &amp; Repairs-----

Interior Painting thru out old Building.  
New roof on flat deck (old Building)  
New gutter linings (old Blding)

----- Protective Work and Remodeling,-----  
under contract with F.J. Kirchhof Construction Co.

Work completed----- Nov. 28, 1936  
Final Inspection made (Brennan) Dec. 5- 1936

## ----- Matters pending-----

- 1- Installation of Exterior Bracket Lights, ordered 12/21/36
- 2- Do. " Bullet Proof Glass (Machine G. Booth)
- 3- Test of Tear Gas System, Fin. inspector recommended 12/24
- 4- Adjustment contract time, see contractors letters Oct. 15 and Dec. 15 th-36.
- 5- Action on cont. proposal transmitted Oct. 9th-Am't. 157.25
- 6- Mint Custodian to report when the following work is completed and acceptable.



- a. Tear Gas Test as required by Final Insp. requested 12/21/36
- b. Installation of Exterior Bracket lights.
- c. Check and report on items 1- 2- 3- 4- 5- 7- 15- 16 Final Inspector's list dated Dec. 8 th- 1936.

----- Radio Equipment and operation-----

- 1- Official assignment of Mint Radio Call Letters.
- 2- Establishment by Mint Superintendent of rules and regulations governing the operation of the Radio system, such as identification, normal time and check, emergency, proper check back by phone in limited time on all notices "Stand by" Signing Off of any service between Denver Mint Sta., Denver Police Dept. and Fort Logan Military Post.

Regulations should be transmitted to such protective stations, agreed upon, distributed to station operators, acknowledged and receipted for by a competent officer in command.

Upon adjustment of the above mentioned items, the writer will render Final Accounting and Report.

Respectfully submitted.

*J.D.O.*

James D. Owens,  
Construction Engineer.  
Box 890-  
Aberdeen, So. Dakota.

Final Inspection  
Account Condition.

Denver, Colorado, U. S. Mint, Add.

# FINAL SUMMARY ON ALL CONSTRUCTION WORK.

James D. Owens

Denver, Colorado,  
November 27, 1936.

Mr. Wm. H. Collier,  
District Engineer,  
526 New Post Office,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

Concerning the Final Inspection of the F. J. Kirchhof Construction Contract and account condition for extension and remodeling of U. S. Mint, Denver, Colorado - the following information is respectfully submitted:

## Project

U. S. Mint Addition, Denver, Colorado.

Contractor - F. J. Kirchhof Construction Co.

Awarded - August 30, 1935      Amount \$297,112.00, including alternates 2, 3, and 4.

Notice to proceed      Sept. 12, 1935.

Started Work      Sept. 16, 1935

Time to run - 300 Calendar days from date of receipt of Notice to proceed. Acknowledged receipt Sept. 13, 1935.

Contract expiration date.....July 10, 1936

Contract Time extended - Jan. 17, 1936      10 days

May 19, 1936      30 days

Sept. 17, 1936      28 days

Nov. 20, 1936      8 days

76 days

Contract Time extended to September 24, 1936.

Time to account for

Jan. 17,      \$477.00

May 13,      130.52

June 19,      1309.10

Aug. 20,      247.50

20 days requested.

14 days      "

20 days      "

27 days      "

Exact number of days delayed.

Statement relative to delay.

Exact number of days delayed.

Exact number of days delayed.



Matters Pending.

Matters Pending between C.E. and Contractor.

Financial Condition of a/c

Payments on a/c

Description of Work.

Two story; basement and attic Addition on South Side of Old Mint Building.  
Size - 87' 4" x 68' 0" overall Dimension.

Structural Frame with Concrete floors and fireproofing.

Granite Facing, Brick Backing

Spanish Tile roof, Quarry Tile Deck.

Interior Finish -

Concrete and soap stone floors; cement plastered walls, cement water  
and Caesin painted.

Wood trim and ornamental grilles.

Removal of Old Silver Vault

Construction and erection of new four story silver vault on old  
vault foundation, grillage, beam reinforcement -

Power New A.C. Service, Modern Switchboard distribution for  
A.C. and D.C. current.

Overhall and rearrangement of Boiler room system.

New Generator, Modern toilet and locker room installation;

Installation of and rearrangement of seven vault entrances under  
independent contract.

Total cost exclusive of site and overhead.....\$314,495.47

Very truly yours,

James D. Owens

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Construction Engineer.



U.S. Mint Protective Work -

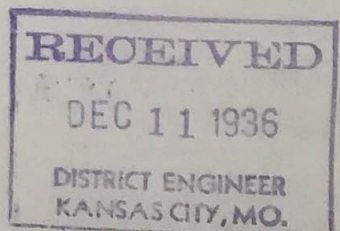
Final Inspectors list  
(Mr Brennan) to be corrected  
and reported on to Dist  
Insg. Send list and report  
thru this office.

To Mr White,  
Abraham S. Da.

LIST OF UNCOMPLETED ITEMS

F. J. Kirchof's Contract  
Dated June 9, 1936

1. Install a metal guard at the fan which is between the radiator and the engine at the emergency lighting unit.
2. Repair the tile wall in the rolling room, where conduit for emergency light service enters, near ceiling and over balcony.
3. Clear ground off wiring for exterior lights.
4. Furnish and install three interior emergency light fixtures where directed (2--#557-R on first floor.  
(1--#410-R on second floor in refinery.
5. Furnish directory of circuits in cabinet for emergency light circuits. Cut off excess length of two foundation bolts at new generator set in basement.
- ✓ 6. Furnish complete corrected set of wiring diagrams and instruction book for vault protection systems.
7. Replace missing box covers where directed.
8. ✓ Furnish and install emergency call button assembly at cashier's office and ✓ install cover on button at driveway door.  
✓ Furnish reset tool for targets at emergency call buttons. ✓ Construct  
✓ guard hood over the contact at driveway gate. See that emergency call buttons are securely fastened.
9. ✓ Replace control system clock at right side inside the cashier's vault.
- ✓ 10. In sub-basement vault make the large door of control cabinet clear the ventilating duct.
- ✓ 11. Adjust the general alarm bell in the machine shop so that its tone will not be muffled.
- ✓ 12. Furnish radio instruction books as specified.
- ✓ 13. Install bullet proof glass at three openings in machine gun booth.





LIST OF UNCOMPLETED ITEMS

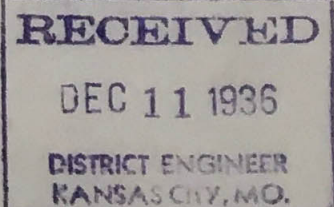
F. J. Kirchof's Contract  
Dated June 9, 1936

✓ *adjusted*  
14. Reinstall telephone call box in main vestibule at height directed by Construction Engineer.

15. At the tear gas protection system complete the electrical connections in each control cabinet and put the system in regular service condition. Instruct employees designated by the Superintendent of the Mint in the care and operation of the apparatus.

16. Plug the unused lead-in opening in the steel radio pole above the roof.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ELECTRIC PROTECTION FOR  
UNITED STATES MINT, DENVER, COLORADO, TO BE USED AS A BASIS  
FOR THE PREPARATION OF DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS.

The electric protection shall consist of electric phonetalarm protection on the vaults, electric contact protection on the vault doors and vault door bolts, electric protection on the exterior entrance doors to the Mint Building, provisions for emergency signals, provisions for sounding a general alarm, and provisions for recording watchman's patrol and the supervisor's activities.

All features of the system shall be operated from and to the central control desk to be located in the Guard room of the first floor of the building, which control desk is to be manually supervised twenty-four hours per day.

VAULT PROTECTION

Electric protection shall consist of the following individual protection circuits:

- No. 1. Door protection on the door to the existing gold vault in the first basement.
- No. 2. Door protection on the entrance door to the existing silver vault in the sub-basement.
- No. 3. Phonetalarm protection on the existing gold vault and silver vault (one over the other) operated as a unit, this protection to be established only when the doors to both of these vaults are closed and protected.
- No. 4. Phonetalarm and door protection to the existing Cashier's vault on the first floor.
- No. 5. Door protection on the first floor door of the proposed new vault.
- No. 6. Door protection on the basement door of the proposed new vault.
- No. 7. Phonetalarm protection on the entire new vault as a unit, this protection to be established only when both doors to the new vault are closed and protected.

The protection on the vault doors shall consist of contacts on the door proper and on the door bolts, operated through balanced resistance coils, each door to be handled as an individual protection circuit at the control board. After the protection has been established on any door, the throwing of the bolts, or the opening of a door shall initiate an alarm.



Phonetalarm protection shall consist of adequate number of phonetalarms, located on the ceilings of the protected vaults, operating through an accumulator mechanism that will initiate an alarm when ten (10) sound impulses of sufficient intensity have been detected by the phonetalarms during any single protected period. The number and lay-out of the phonetalarms to be as indicated on the drawings.

#### PROTECTION ON ENTRANCE DOORS TO BUILDING

Door protection on the exterior entrance doors of the Mint Building shall consist of electric contacts operated through balanced resistance coils placed on the following doors.

No. 1. West door in basement.

Consists of a pair of wood doors and iron grill doors - put contacts and resistance coils on wooden doors.

No. 2. South basement doors.

Consists of pair of metal doors and iron grill doors - put contacts on metal doors with resistance coils.

No. 3. North first floor doors consists of pair of inside doors, pair of outside grill doors, and pair of outside metal doors - put contacts and resistances on outside metal doors.

No. 4. Loading platform door in new addition (Spec. not completed)

#### CONTROL AND OPERATION OF VAULT PROTECTION AND ENTRANCE DOOR PROTECTION

The Central Desk and Superstructure to be located in the Guard Room on the first floor shall be equipped with a printing recorder, which recorder shall record all signals of every character, printing in clear language the vault or entrance doorway from which the signal originates, the character of the signal, and the minute, hour, meridian, day, month and year that the signal is received.

Spare spaces shall be provided on the desk and superstructure for five additional vaults; said spaces to be blocked out and to include no equipment, but to be suitable for mounting necessary equipment, if later required.

Phonetalarm circuits in the existing gold and silver vaults shall be so arranged that when ever protection on the doors to the gold vault or the entrance door to the silver vault is off, the phonetalarm circuits will be automatically cut off. The phonetalarm circuits in the new vault will likewise be so arranged that when ever the protection to the entrance door on the first floor, or the entrance door in the basement is off, the phonetalarm circuit will likewise be automatically cut off.



Each vault shall be equipped with control panel located inside the vault and an indicator panel located on outside of vault.

The control panel shall include a ninety-six (96) hour jeweled movement timer, sound accumulation, apparatus and all necessary control equipment. The indicator panel located outside of vault shall show condition of protection ( on or off ) at all times.

Means shall be established at each vault whereby the officers in charge, upon desiring to open or close the vault, shall indicate their intentions electrically to the supervisor at the control desk, who upon receipt of the signal shall, if the opening or closing is regular and authorized, so indicate electrically to the officers in charge at the vault. This indication or approval signal, transmitted by the custodian, shall so operate as to shunt out any possible interference from other vault signals, other than alarm signals, and permit the normal opening and closing signals of the vault approved to properly record themselves.

A large signal light shall light on the desk whenever a shunt switch is thrown and shall remain lighted until the printing recorder has completed its recording of the approved operation, at which time the light shall be extinguished. Alarm signals from whatever source, shall take precedence over any other signals.

Each exterior door to the building shall be electrically protected with contacts and balanced resistance coils, with a separate control switch for each door located on the control desk. When the control switch is in the "protection on" position, the protection is established on that particular door and thereafter any opening of the door shall initiate an alarm. A signal switch arrangement shall be provided between each of the protected doors to the building, and the guard room, whereby a guard or guards at either of these two doors may signal the supervisor at the desk to cut the alarm off of that particular door. A small indicator panel at each of these doors shall indicate at all times the condition of the protective circuits. All operations of the protective circuit switches, and all alarms shall be recorded on the printing recorders. When a door is closed by a guard and protection is desired, means shall be provided for indicating to the Supervisor at the control desk, that protection is desired on that particular door. The operation of the "on" and "off" switches at the control desk shall cause the large shunt light to light, and this light shall remain lighted until the printing recorder has completed its recording of the approved gate operation.

Whenever a phonetalarm instrument inside of the vault protection is actuated by sound, it shall operate one step of the accumulator mechanism, and each succeeding actuation of the phonetalarm instrument in that vault shall likewise operate succeeding steps of the accumulator. As soon as four steps have been reached on the accumulator, evidence of the condition shall be automatically manifested through a warning signal at the control desk. As soon as ten steps have been reached on the accumulator, an alarm shall automatically be sounded.



Means shall be provided at the control desk for manually testing the vault protection circuits at optional prescribed intervals, the said testing of the circuits to record the test on the printing recorder. The act of making the test shall automatically restore the accumulator to the zero position.

The alarm mechanism shall consist of a six inch bell located at the control desk in the guard room, housed in a tamper proof housing.

The batteries shall be housed in an acid and fume proof cabinet with tampered doors, located in the Guard Room.

#### EMERGENCY SIGNALLING FEATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ devices located as indicated on plans shall be so connected up with the control desk, that when any device is operated, it shall cause the ringing of a distinctive "4" bell in the guard room and shall indicate by drops or lights the exact location of the device that has been operated. The operation of these devices need not operate the printing recorder.

#### LIST OF DEVICES AND LOCATIONS

#### GENERAL ALARM FEATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ general alarm vibrating bells shall be located where indicated, the same to be 10" in diam., special alloy steel, underdome type. These bells shall be operated only through the use of a general alarm switch located on the control desk in the guard room. Alarm bell circuits to be under constant supervision, and to ring trouble bell and indicate on control desk that bell circuit or circuits, are in trouble whenever a break or ground



or short occurs. Alarm bells may be operated either by battery or by 110-220 60 cycle, 3 wire single phase, A.C. current available in the building. Alarm bells shall be wired in \_\_\_\_\_ separate alarm circuits, each provided with its own transfer switch and pilot light.

#### WATCHMAN'S PATROL FEATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ Watchman's patrol boxes shall be located as shown on plans. The boxes shall be of the flush type and all boxes shall be cast iron, painted bronze.

Boxes shall be wired as to normally require operation in the fixed sequence indicated by numerals on the drawing and in the specifications.

All signals to and from the boxes shall center at the control desk in the guard room, which desk shall include a separate printer to record the Watchman's activities, provision for telephone communication between the desk and the various watchman's boxes, means of indicating to the supervisor the exact location of the watchman at all times, means of receiving emergency calls from the watchman's boxes, provision for mandatory acknowledgement signals from the supervisor at twenty minute intervals, and means by which the Superintendent may suppress from the printer all but delinquency signals.

The system shall be so designed that if the watchman starting on his regular tour on the hour and half hour pulls each box in its normal sequence with a maximum elapse of not over four minutes from box to box, the reports from each station shall be recorded normally. If the watchman misses a station, or operates them in erroneous sequence, or takes longer than four minutes between signals, a delinquency shall be automatically recorded on the printing recorder giving the number of the last box operated and the exact date and time of the delinquency.

Each watchman box shall be provided with an emergency call feature, by means of which the watchman may, if circumstances justify, transmit to the control desk in the guard room an emergency call for help. The emergency call shall indicate at the guard room in a clear intelligible way through the use of both audible and visual signals that an emergency exists and shall record on the printing recorder the box from which the emergency call originated and the exact time and date of the call.

Each watchman box shall be provided with a telephone jack and a signal light. If the watchman desires to communicate with the supervisor at the desk, he may do so by plugging in his portable telephone set, which rings the telephone bell at the desk and communication is established. If the Supervisor desires communication with the watchman, the operation of a switch on the control desk lights the signal lights in each of the watchman's boxes. As the watchman approaches the next box, and observes the lighted signal lights, he plugs in his telephone set and communication is established.



The watchman recording mechanism at the desk shall consist of a printing recorder, which shall print in a clear, intelligible, manner the number of every box pulled, the character of the call (normal signal, delinquency, or emergency call), and the exact minute, hour, meridian, day, month and year operated.

Means shall be provided at the central desk in the guard room for requiring periodical signals from the supervisor at the desk at twenty (20) minute intervals. The supervisor shall be required to press the supervisor's button at intervals of twenty (20) minutes or less. When nineteen minutes have elapsed since the last actuation of the supervisor's button, a small notification signal shall audibly indicate that but one minute remains to press the button. In the event the button is not pressed within that minute, or within twenty minutes from its last operation, the printing recorder shall automatically record a supervisor's delinquency, and the exact time and date.

Means shall be provided at the control desk whereby the Superintendent may, through the use of a cylinder lock switch, suppress all normal signals, after which only delinquency and emergency call signals shall be recorded. As long as the watchman and supervisor operate normally, in the prescribed sequence and within the prescribed time limits, all recording of signals are suppressed. In the event of a missed box or a delinquency, either of the watchman or supervisor, or in the event of an emergency signal, the recorder shall operate as usual. The throwing of the supervisor's switch "on" or "off" shall record on the printing recorder, together with the exact time and date.

All circuits shall be fully supervised. In addition, the circuits shall be so arranged that a break, or a ground, on the box circuit, will not prevent the normal operation of the system. This feature may be accomplished manually.

All of the foregoing protective devices and equipment shall be a product of one manufacturer, and shall operate as an single unified system.

The manufacturer shall furnish complete instructions covering the maintenance and operation of the system and shall supply personal instructions and personal supervision over any necessary maintenance, for the period of one year after date of the completion of the installation.

(( CORRECTED ))

R A D I O G R A M

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
MAY 1, 1936 - 5:55 PM

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER OWENS  
UNITED STATES MINT  
DENVER, COLORADO

CONSIDER CANNOT INSTALL FAN AS INDICATED DRAWING SUBMITTED YOURS  
APRIL 22ND DENVER MINT BECAUSE COLUMN AND ROOF DRAIN IN WAY OPENINGS  
THROUGH ROOF. REQUEST CONTRACTOR CEASE WORK ON VENTILATION SYSTEM AND  
NOT PURCHASE FAN UNTIL FURTHER NOTIFIED, WHICH WILL BE WHEN MORE INFOR-  
MATION RECEIVED CONNECTION WITH PURCHASE OF PRECIPITATOR.

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MAY 2, 1936  
9:05 A.M.



# Signal Corps, United States Army

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PURCHASE OF PRECIPITATOR

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RADIOGRAM

DENVER, COLORADO  
JULY 16, 1936

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER IS IN RECEIPT OF RADIOGRAM FROM PROCUREMENT DIVISION NOTIFYING THAT PLANS FOR DOORS OF MELTER AND REFINER'S VAULT ARE TO BE COMPLETED IN A FEW DAYS AND SUBMITTED FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS. THIS WILL MEAN A DELAY OF NOT LESS THAN THREE MONTHS IN HAVING DOORS INSTALLED AND MAKING THE VAULT AVAILABLE FOR REMOVAL OF BULLION, WHICH MUST BE MOVED BEFORE CONTEMPLATED PLANS CAN BE COMPLETED. THIS WILL BE A SERIOUS HANDICAP TO OUR OPERATIONS AND IS AN UNHEARD OF PROCEDURE UNDER THE CONDITIONS EXISTING. ANY ASSISTANCE THAT CAN BE GIVEN TOWARD HAVING DOORS INSTALLED BY PRESENT CONTRACTOR TO THE END THAT WE MAY HAVE THIS VAULT AT THE VERY EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT

CONFIRMING

R a d i o g r a m

Denver, Colorado, July 16, 1936.

Director of the Mint  
Washington, D. C.

Construction Engineer is in receipt of radiogram from Procurement Division notifying that plans for doors of melter and refiner's vault are to be completed in a few days and ~~forwarded~~ submitted *for* competitive bids. This will mean a delay of not less than three months in having doors installed and making the vault available <sup>removal</sup> for ~~removable~~ of bullion, which must be moved before contemplated plans can be completed. This will be a serious handicap to our operations and is an unheard of procedure under the conditions existing. Any assistance that can be given toward having doors installed by present contractor to the end that we may have this vault at the very earliest possible date will be greatly appreciated.

Skinner, Superintendent.

*Sent 2:20 PM*



RADIOGRAM

WASHINGTON, D. C.

JULY 16, 1936 - 6:05 PM

(FOR GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE)

UNITED STATES MINT  
DENVER, COLORADO

Treasurer of the United States 1221

YOUR TELEGRAM RELATIVE TO ELEVATOR AND VAULT COMPARTMENTS TAKEN  
UP WITH PROCUREMENT DIVISION. STEPS BEING TAKEN TO EXPEDITE LETTING OF  
THIS CONTRACT.

No. 1135425

Stamp: 02-131

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RECEIVED  
JULY 17, 1936.  
9:10 A.M.

(FOR GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE)

Treasurer of the United States 1221

# Treasurer of the United States 15-51

(FOR GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE)

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JULY 11, 1930  
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THIS CONTRACT

BY WITH PROSECUTION DIVISION STEPS BEING TAKEN TO EXPEDITE

Nº 1132452

YOUR TELEGRAPH MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT AND ABOVE COMPARTMENTS TAKEN

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UNITED STATES

# Treasurer of the United States 15-51

(FOR GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE)

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